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PACT BETWEEN VIETMINH CHINA REPORTED

Ho Chi-minh, others said to be in Peking

TAIPEH WAR MEETING

Leaders of the Communist Vietminh Government are carrying on treaty negotiations with Chinese Communist leaders in Peking, a foreign intelligence source told the "China Mail" yesterday.

The three main Vietminh rebel leaders now in Peking, the source said, are the President of the Communist Vietminh government, Ho Chi-minh; his Minister of Education, Nguyen Khanh Toan, and a former French Consul employee, Lam Duc Thu.

Question on Hong Kong in Commons

London, March 31.

A Labour member, Emrys Hughes, told Parliament today that he thought Hong Kong was indefensible from the military point of view and asked when the government was going to give up the Colony in favour of a trade agreement with Communist China.

Hughes asked his question during a motion for adjournment when a Conservative member, Air Commodore A. V. Harvey, raised the matter of disposal of Chinese Nationalist aircraft at Hong Kong.

Commodore Harvey said it was extraordinary that while Britain was accepting aid from the United States they should be handing over equipment to the Communist government in Peking. He said "I would not mind if the People's Government had responded to the recognition which the British government gave them but instead we are being insulted every day."

He said he thought the various departments in Hong Kong had carried out their duties in a negative way and asked for assurance that something would be done to prevent the aircraft and equipment leaving Hong Kong.

Conservative Major Tabor Beamish then asked for a debate on the Far East situation in order to get a real statement of government policy. He said "In the Far East the war is by no means cold and it is not generally recognised what an active part the Far Eastern Command is playing in the whole situation."

John Dugdale, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, said in answer that the whole matter of the Chinese aircraft was before the courts. He added "For that reason the British government can take no action on it. There is no power by which the aircraft and spares could be prevented from leaving Hong Kong."—United Press.

COMPANY TO FIGHT FOR SHIP

Taipei, March 31.

Wallace and Company of Hong Kong, owners of the 445-ton British freighter Cadocous, have engaged a lawyer to fight its case for possession of the ship which has been under detention at Kaohsiung (Takao) since February 10.

The lawyer will appear before the military court being formed to probe charges that the Cadocous had passed or was about to pass to Communist ownership.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (4:30 EST) from a small depression to the S of Japan a cold front extends NW to the Philippines. Pressure is low over Indo-China and high over S. China.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate rain, with light rain or drizzle at times.

Tomorrow's Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain or drizzle at times.

Wednesday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain or drizzle at times.

Thursday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain or drizzle at times.

Friday's Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain or drizzle at times.

Satellite Forecast: Partly cloudy with light rain or drizzle at times.

Harewoods attend London Opera Ball



The Countess of Harewood costumed as Lady Floedilgi from Mozart's "The Song of the Lark", adjusts the mask of her husband, the Earl of Harewood, dressed as one of the Albanian brothers from the same opera, before they danced at a costume ball in Stanhope Gate. Every dancer was garbed as a character from an opera. The ball was held to aid the funds of the English Opera Group Association. The Harewoods are noted for their patronage of music. Lady Harewood, Vienna-born, is a former concert pianist, and the Earl Edith an opera magazine. (AP Photo).

Modernisation plan of HK Tramways

A five-year modernisation programme which will embrace the complete rebuilding of the Russell Street premises for housing a big central depot, workshops and office premises, was announced at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited yesterday.

In addition, living quarters will be built for the Chinese supervisory and clerical staff, and, if a site is obtained from Government, a Welfare Centre providing improved medical, educational and general welfare facilities, will be erected.

The programme also provides for bringing the car fleet up to 150, and the replacement of all old car bodies by the new type with driver-controlled air-operated doors within the next five years.

The fleet at present is 120.

Carrying out of the programme will be effected in stages, and the first stage, involving an expenditure of \$1,400,000, will commence immediately.

Yesterday's meeting, held in the board room of Jardine Matheson and Company Limited, was presided over by Mr. R. Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Chairman told shareholders that last year the tram carried 21,000,000 passengers, and the Company made a net profit of \$4,071,534. Traffic receipts increased 22 per cent. From an operational stand-point, the year was extremely satisfactory.

Continuing Mr. Gordon said: "The greater number of passengers carried has increased the overall traffic revenue by 22 per cent. Operating costs have risen by 25 per cent. However, operating costs expressed as a percentage to receipts is 53 per cent which is one per cent more than in the previous year."

"The growth in the popularity of our monthly ticket continues and during 1949 we sold 104,553 as against 79,424 for the year before. Our August 11 reduced fares for scholars were introduced and students benefited to the extent of 600,000 journeys made at half-fare in the remaining four months of last year."

Rehabilitation almost complete

The period of rehabilitation of the Tramway system since the Japanese occupation is now virtually complete and the Company is now in a more advantageous position than it was before the war.

"The most serious difficulty encountered during 1949 was the shortage of spares to maintain the much improved service, but the spares situation is now greatly improved."

"Eight new trams were brought into service bringing the total to 120. Four additional trams are under construction."

"Every substantial improvement has been made in the tramway system since the Japanese occupation."

Soviet crews in China sea patrol planes

Sea patrol planes flying over the North China merchant sea routes are being flown by Soviet crews, radio reports from two blockade-running ships stated in Hong Kong yesterday.

The two ships, which left Tsingtao and Tientsin yesterday, sent the messages to their Hong Kong agents reporting no trouble whatsoever from Nationalist navy ships or planes.

In addition to the Russian-manned planes, Russian troops, anti-aircraft crews and technicians have moved into most North China seaport towns as far South as Shanghai by the hundreds.

The shipping official said yesterday that the movement of the Russian troops and the operations had begun during the past week.

Blockade ships leaving Hong Kong for North China ports are now reported to be avoiding the Taiwan straits in their blockade-running voyage to North China.

He added: "No blockade-running ships have been interfered with by the Nationalists if they have taken the sea route East of Taiwan."

LITTLE BLOCKADE ON AGAIN

Berlin, March 31.

The Russian checkpoint at Helmsdorf on the road to Berlin was clogged with more than 200 German trucks today as the Soviet guards, alerted by the "downward blockade" of the German metropolis.

The German police reported at 0830 GMT that approximately 120 trucks were queued up waiting for clearance to Berlin while another 150 lined up on the Eastern side of the barrier awaiting clearance to Western Germany.

The police said the Russians were clearing vehicles at the rate of six to eight per hour.—United Press.

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CHINA FAMINE MAIN THREAT TO AID ISSUE

Washington, March 31.

American economists trying to inject economic lifeblood into the Far East, consider the China famine one of the principal threats to their efforts.

Will starvation among an estimated 50,000,000 Chinese in the Yangtze valley cause the China Reds to invade Indo-China, Burma and Thailand looking for food? This is one question worrying U.S. food and trade experts who have just returned from a survey of nations from Japan to India and Pakistan.

Indo-China, Thailand and Burma are viewed by these experts as the "breadbasket" and "surplus" nations of the Far East. It is to them that the planners for a self-supporting Orient look for the rice they feel must be forthcoming if other Asiatic countries are to be put on the road to recovery.

Stanley Andrews, one of the U.S. experts who have just completed a Far East survey for the Army with Robert West, high official of the Army planners for Japan and the Orient, put it this way:

"If the China famine becomes worse, may force the Reds to invade Indo-China, Thailand and Burma to get the rice available there. If they do, it will wreck plans we are making to help Asian countries to build up a trading area among themselves."

"The rice in these surplus areas is vital to hungry nations of the Orient. If they are to participate in and help build the trade we believe possible."

Based on stability

Andrews' ideas seem to be based upon a fairly stable Far East and revolving trade financing fund that the U. S. would establish there. Where and how the funds would be administered, if it is established, are yet to be determined.

Although faced with great problems, Andrews viewed Japan in a happy position regarding the trade network being envisaged for the Orient.

"They produce a wide range of manufactures, large and small, that other Asian countries want to buy from them," he said.

"That will mean food for Japan from the Asiatic surplus nations and raw materials from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and elsewhere out there."

Andrews reiterated that credits to the would-be Asiatic trading countries is the "vital spark" required to get things moving.

"They must have either loans or grants to make their initial purchases," Andrews maintains. "Once you get the chain movement started, it will maintain itself."

Andrews said that Japan must be assured a continued supply of raw cotton for textiles and other manufactures and also will have to extend credits to would-be purchasers if the latter cannot obtain financing elsewhere.

Andrews believes that the revolving fund to finance trade generally in the Orient is the answer to get the Far East back on its feet economically.

Move retarded

He indicated he feels extreme caution being taken by the authorities in Japan to prevent any one-time Japanese "warmongers" from being sent abroad as commercial agents.

He estimated the number of such commercial men now abroad at only a few hundred, but hopes the number would be greatly increased in the near future.

Andrews, who went into India and Pakistan on the survey, just made, views these moves as vital to the proposed trading network. Also, he views the trouble between India and Pakistan over Kashmir as another grave threat to the proposed trading area.

"India and Pakistan can help intra-Orient trade greatly," Andrews said upon his return here. "But if they are going to continue in or become involved in a more serious crisis between them, then their usefulness in the proposed plan will be greatly retarded."—Associated Press.

Five die in Malay jungle ambush

Singapore, March 31.

Five members of the security forces were killed today in an ambush in the Bahau area of Negri Sembilan State, when guerrillas electrically detonated roadside bombs.

One European was wounded. It was over the Bahau area that the RAF made a large-scale bomb and rocket raid on March 27. Of the killed, two were soldiers and three were soldiers.

The names of the dead have not been announced.

The European wounded was the assistant inspector of the Bahau police. He was slightly injured in the ambush.

The ambush occurred in a rubber estate. Party leaders of the estate were also present. They were also slightly injured.

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Reminders

Today

Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys School, 8.15 p.m.
Wah Yan Past Students Association monthly dinner, Speaker: The Governor, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 1 p.m.
HK Oxford and Cambridge Society annual dinner, HK Club, 7.45 p.m.
United Services Recreation Club, dance, 9 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, tomboja, 7.30 p.m.
Indian Recreation Club, dance, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
HK Art Club, sketching party to Taipei, members to meet at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Toe H classical concert, 80, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Confirmation Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m. (GOC-in-C will read the Lessons).
MONDAY
Crown Land Auction land, PWD offices, 3 p.m.
East Asiatic Company, cocktail party, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 6 to 8 p.m.
Morality play "I Will Arise" at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, 8.30 p.m.
TUESDAY
HK Rotary Club, luncheon, talk on "Development in Postwar Japan" by Mr. B. Crane, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. P. V. Hodge: a Cadet Officer on probation, effective from January 10. He arrived here on March 11.

Mr. R. M. Hetherington: Deputy Clerk of Council, effective from March 22.

Mr. Justice E. H. Williams: Acting Chief Justice, effective from March 18.
Mr. A. D. Schuler: Acting Police Judge, effective from March 18.

Mr. A. H. McElroy: Acting Assistant Director of Public Works, effective from March 19.

Mr. F. F. A. Morgan: Acting Executive Engineer, effective from March 19.

Mr. J. Reynolds: Permanent Magistrate.

Mr. A. E. Perry: Acting General Manager, Kowloon-Canton Railway, effective from March 22.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor: Acting Director of Education, effective from March 27.

Mr. R. H. J. Brown: Acting Deputy Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, effective from March 23.

Miss Eleanor Thom: Acting Principal, Bellvue Public School, effective from March 18.

Mr. Wong Wing-nin: Registrar of Persons.

Messrs. S. See Tuchen, Fung Kwok-wing, David C. H. Ling and Muning Duen: Assistant Registrars of Persons.

Mr. F. A. Fisher: Engineer, Public Works Department, appointed to the permanent and pensionable establishment approved, effective from January 1.

Captain G. MacDonald, Royal Artillery: Honorary Aide-de-camp to the Governor, effective from February 20.

Lieutenant P. M. N. de Silva, Hong Kong Regiment: Honorary Aide-de-camp to the Governor, effective from April 1.

Pilot Officer E. F. Hicks, Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force: Honorary Aide-de-camp to the Governor, effective from April 1.

Captain H. A. de Barros Botelho: relinquished the post of Honorary Aide-de-camp to the Governor, effective from April 1.

Lieutenant A. M. J. Wright: relinquished the post of Honorary Aide-de-camp to the Governor, effective from April 1.

Captain G. H. Calvert: promoted to Major in the Hong Kong Defence Force, effective from April 1.

Mr. A. H. McBride: Member of the town Planning Board.

Mr. M. Lutz: recognized as Vice-Council for Switzerland at Hong Kong.

The Agricultural and Industrial Bank of China, Limited: License cancelled.

Dr. C. K. Wong played a selection for flute, while Mr. C. P. Cheng, violinist played Sonata No. 3 by Beethoven.

Among the "listeners" were Mr. G. E. Marden, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kadoorie, Lieutenant and Mrs. Arthur R. Harold, U.S. Army, Major and Mrs. Edwin E. Arnold, U.S. Army, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Ping-fan, Dr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Rodriguez, Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Samy, Dr. W. M. and Mrs. E. C. Brown and Professor Guadalupe.

The Hong Kong Women's International Club held its weekly dance for the Services on Thursday night at the Skyroom Ballroom. The dance was a success, with a large number of guests.

On Thursday night, there will be a White Drive for the Forces.

The proceeds turned over to the Society. One Chinese housecoat, also donated by Ying Tai, fetched a record \$380.

Members of the audience were nearly as well-dressed as the models themselves. The predominant note yesterday was on hats. Nearly everyone wore hats in all colours, shades and styles.

Many affected new arrangements of feathers—mostly the Lelong up-down motif—and the hair-styles were short and trim.

The weather contributed to a total absence of furs, but a few ladies wore long netted gloves. Purrs this year were away from plastic, smaller, more feminine, and much less practical.

The shoes were conservative, mostly black. The three-quarter skirt was nowhere to be seen, but the Schiaparelli back-bustle and the Jacques Fath elongated hips were much in evidence.

Seventeen models—drawn from the ranks of the prettiest ladies of the Colony's younger set—took part in the parade. They were Miss Heather Anderson, Mrs. James Reynolds, Miss Shaua Anderson, Mrs. T. G. Ridgeway, Mrs. Claude Burgess, Mademoiselle S. Robert, Miss Patricia Foster-Hall, Miss Judy Howell, Mrs. Martin Hansen, Mrs. Dhun Ruttonjee, Miss Bridget Holt, Miss Luba Skovorov, Mrs. Erik Hutterer, Miss Norma Stevens, Mrs. E. von Oven, Miss Jane Strellett and Miss Susan Strellett. There were several cute Water Babies.

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The make-up was arranged by Vivienne's Salon de Beauté, and all stockings worn in the parade were "Berkshire" nylons sold by Tyeb and Company.

Many of the creations were really outstanding. Nothing modelled yesterday caused any surprise, because the fashions were essentially conservative. But Mrs. Martin Hansen occasioned a stir when she paraded an evening gown by Josephine in black lace.

More than 500 people packed the Skyroom Ballroom yesterday afternoon to witness this year's Easter fashion parade staged by the Women's Auxiliary in aid of the Society for the Protection of Children.

The affair was described by its organisers as an outstanding success, both financially and socially.

Tickets were sold out long before the start of the show, and the vast auditorium of the circular Skyroom was packed to capacity. Nearly 600 luncheons were served.

Music was provided by the Skyroom orchestra by permission of Mr. A. Richardson, the Ballroom's manager. Miss Luana Alcantara, Cuban singer who has been attracting crowds to the Luna Park every evening, provided an exquisite floorshow.

Two cocktail frocks donated by Ying Tai, well known dealers in embroideries and brocade, were auctioned off during lunch and

Frailty of human nature

The frailty of human nature was commented upon by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday after discharging a former colonel on an allegation of causing a public mischief. An added charge against defendant for living on the earnings of a prostitute was withdrawn in the course of the hearing.

"If you are the honest man you claim to be," said Mr. Wicks to defendant Suen Chin-fai, "you will never see this woman again." Mr. Wicks was referring to the chief prosecution witness, Wong Ping, alias Ngai Mo-ping whom the magistrate said was a self-confessed prostitute.

Wong first took the witness stand. In a drawn out hearing, he alleged that defendant had forced her to be engaged to him after she had met him in Nan-king before the Communists took over in December 1949. The woman further stated that he had forced her to come away with him to Changsha, then to Canton, meanwhile having forced her to become a prostitute in Changsha and Canton, as he had no money and was out of a job.

The charge against defendant was that he had misled the police by reporting that the woman had stolen 13 taels of gold belonging to him. On Wing's allegation, a charge of living off the earnings of a prostitute was added. The ex colonel denied both charges.

The woman also stated that defendant finally brought her to Hong Kong where she had to continue making a living immorally. She charged that she had wanted to leave defendant several times but that the colonel had in turn refused to let her go. She also claimed that Suen assaulted her.

After a period of intense questioning, the magistrate decided that the authenticity of witness evidence was doubtful. "I would sooner believe defendant than I would this woman, a self confessed prostitute," Mr. Wicks said. And as the prosecution could not produce corroborative evidence, the magistrate decided to acquit the defendant on the opinion of the prosecution officer.

He expected the Court to convict on the evidence of a prostitute without further substantiation. The officer DSI Chan, after a short consultation with his legal adviser, withdrew the second charge.

Musical at "Villa Magnolia"

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest To celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Friday with a musical evening, attended by a number of guests at their home, "Villa Magnolia," Pokfulam.

Vocalists were Mrs. G. E. Marden, soprano, (Mr. Dear, Soprano and Homing), Miss Elvie Yuen, soprano, (O. Del Mio, Tenor, Ben, Nel Cor Più Non Mi Sento, and Ecstasy), Mrs. F. Long, mezzo-soprano, (My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice, and Danny Boy) and Dr. Harry Talbot, baritone.

Those performing at the piano were the Reverend Fr. Riganelli, Mr. Harry Ore, Professor Gordon King, Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw, Miss Rosemary To, and Miss May Chan.

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The jury of six men and one woman who deliberated for an hour and a half, found Tam Kuen guilty on all four counts in the indictment—three counts of possession of the notes and one of possession of the implements of forgery.

The jury, however, added a plea of leniency on behalf of the third accused, who was convicted on one count. Second accused, Tam Chi-wo, was accordingly discharged.

Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, appeared for first accused. Second and third accused were defended by Mr. D'Alton also on the instructions of Mr. Stewart. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Inspector Tom Cashman, CID Chief for Kowloon, prosecuted.

All the accused denied the allegations against them. The defence contended that the accused had been holding the notes concerned in trust for a Nationalist secret service agent, but did not know the nature of the bills they had in their possession.

Defendant also approached the second complainant, Yip Ngan, and offered a job similar to that of Ngan, namely for him to collect coolies for the factory and issue them with the passes for which \$6.50 was to be charged.

On the day when the coolies rounded up by complainants applied at the address for work, to their surprise, the factory boss said that he knew of no such man as Yip Tin and that he was not in need of help. Complainants, after bearing the brunt of verbal abuses from the swindled coolies, referred to Yip Tin and personally saw to it that the swindler was brought to the station.

In passing sentence, Mr. Wicks said that it was a despicable act defendant had committed. He might have put 72 families into the destitute state by taking money which they could ill afford. Defendant was given six months on each charge with the fifth and sixth to be taken concurrently.

FRESH SET OF REGULATIONS

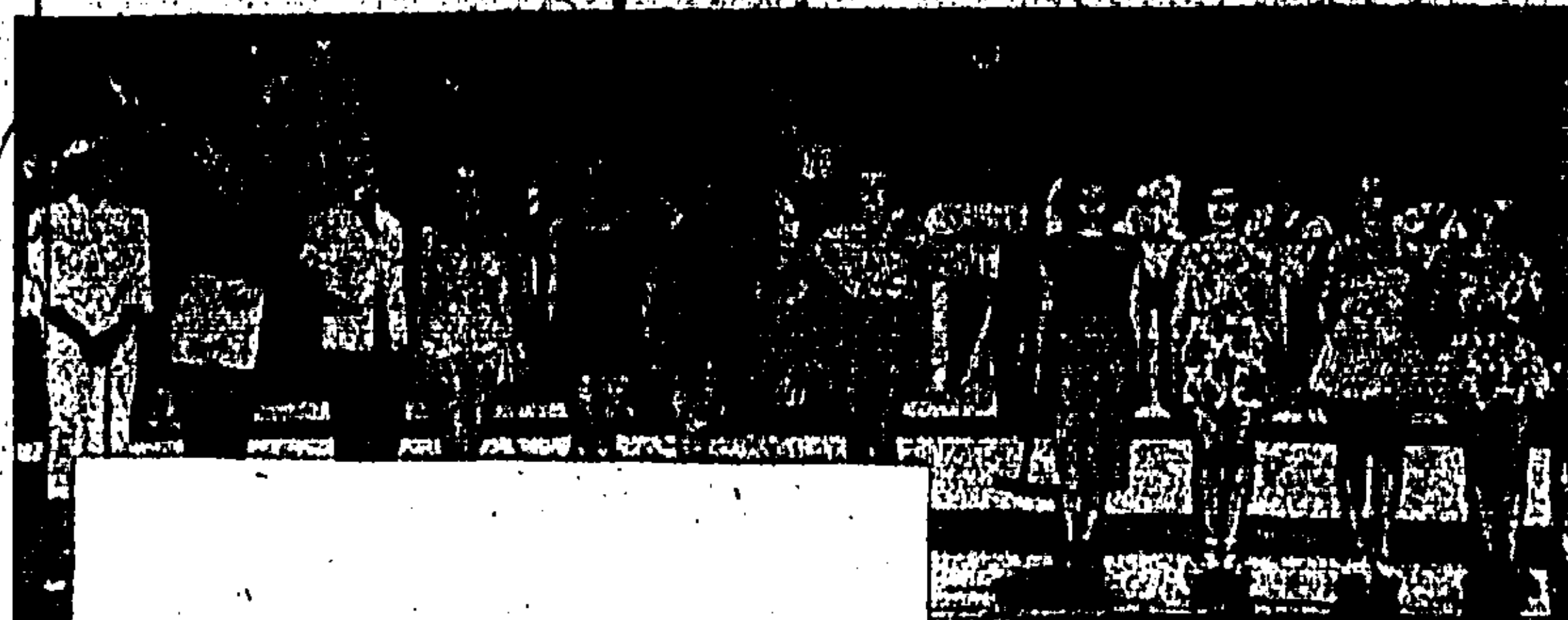
A fresh set of regulations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, were made by the Governor-in-Council yesterday.

The regulations replace those in Table M, of the Regulations of Hong Kong (1937 edition).

The Director of Marine is given power over the movements of all ships in the harbour. He may direct where a ship may be anchored and where it may not.

The new regulations also list the places where vessels are not allowed to anchor or berth alongside without the permission of the Director of Marine.

Easter Parade beauties



Hong Kong fashions at the fashion-show show was held in aid of the Society for

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Monday day brot sess cou fou M Pul rem serb def d t ove T and slls R plng, of the June 1950, second floor. The first was given seven years hard labour, while Chi-ping three years.

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Denies charge

She told the Court that the complainant had had a grudge against her since September and was summoning her to get his own back.

She denied that she had driven recklessly and also offered to prove to the Court that her car could not have been driven at over 40 miles per hour along Kennedy Road, as Mr. Clinie had said.

She said that the car she was driving at the time was one which Mr. Clinie had wanted to buy but she had bought it first. Miss Smalley said that she had brought the counter-summations against Mr. Clinie as she deemed that he had driven in a manner which endangered her life. She said that she knew her address and could have easily followed her or sent a summons later on instead of driving his car beside her along the narrow road.

After she had concluded her evidence the case was adjourned to Monday, March 3.

SERVICEMEN CHARGED

Peter John Gallagher, aged 22, Private in the Argyll and Sutherland, Albert (Arthur) Long, aged 20, Trooper, Royal Tank Regiment, Thomas Dalton, aged 24, 14th Field Battery, and Stanley Thomas Pressdore, aged 23, Privately 1st Battalion KSLI, were charged at Central yesterday with resisting a police officer in the execution of his duty at the Lido Dance Hall on Friday morning.

Gallagher was also charged with assaulting Winnie Chan, Long was also charged with assaulting a police constable, Chao Liang-fu, and Gallagher and Long were also charged with assaulting Dennis Victor at the Lido Dance Hall.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges. Tuesday, April 4, was fixed for hearing of the case.

Ball of \$500 was allowed each defendant.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

	per catty	per catty
Yellow Croaker	\$1.10	\$1.20
Red Croaker	1.00	1.10
White Pomfret (large)	2.01	2.10
White Pomfret (small)	2.10	2.20
Golden Thread	2.00	2.10
Red Snapper	1.10	1.20
Black Sea Bream (large)	1.10	1.20
Black Sea Bream (small)	1.10	1.20
Common Snapper	1.10	1.20
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.10	1.20
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.10	1.20

er evidence traffic case

was given before Mr. Thomas yesterday by Miss M. E. P. was summoned on a charge of 2302 recklessly and using and insulting language to officer on March 1.

B and S to mourn death of McLaren

Flags of B. and S. ships in port were flown at half mast yesterday in token of respect for Mr. E. McLaren, Assistant Manager of B. and S. Hong Kong Office, whose death occurred in London.

Mr. McLaren, aged 47 years, is survived by his wife and two daughters. They left the Colony last year for the United Kingdom together with Mr. McLaren who went home on furlough.

According to the cable report from London, Mr. McLaren died after a short illness.

A life member of the Hong Kong Club, member of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and former President of the Shanghai St. Andrew's Society (1947), Mr. McLaren first stepped on Chinese soil in 1924 to join the B. and S. offices in various Chinese ports.

He left Shanghai in 1948 and arrived in Hong Kong to take over a responsible post in the local office.



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Witch-hunting senator returns to the attack

Washington, March 30.

Senator Joseph McCarthy declared today: "Owen Lattimore is a Soviet agent, and is or has been a member of the Communist Party." Mr. McCarthy said he can produce a witness who will testify under oath that Mr. Lattimore has been a member of the Communist Party for many years.

Mr. McCarthy repeated and elaborated on his previous charges against Mr. Lattimore during a long speech on the Senate floor. He promised to issue specific details on his charges that the State Department is loaded with pro-Communists.

He told the Senate he would give the name of his proposed witness to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the conclusion of his speech today. He said that this witness has been a member of the Communist Party for many years.

Padre's campaign in Britain

London, March 30.

The Reverend Michael Scott, "ambassador" of the South African tribesmen, on whose behalf he recently addressed the United Nations, is to start a nationwide campaign in Britain to awaken the conscience of Christians in Britain to the colour problem.

Explaining the purpose of the campaign, the Reverend John Collins, Chairman of the Christian Action, which is organizing Mr. Scott's campaign, said today that the Churches officially had not felt able to give Mr. Scott very encouraging hand of fellow-ship because of the delicate political problems involved in this matter.

But he added that many members of the Churches will be present unofficially at the first meeting, to be held in London on April 17. -Reuter.

MICKEY ROONEY'S FATHER DEAD

Hollywood, March 30.

Joe Yule, father of the film star, Mickey Rooney, died at his home today after a heart attack. The film star was at his father's bedside when he died.

A veteran showman, Yule was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He started his theatrical career 48 years ago. -Reuter.

was high up in Communist circles carried out Party work which required that he know members of the Party and would testify that Mr. Lattimore was known to him to be a member of the Communist Party, a member over whom they had disciplinary powers.

Mr. McCarthy said the State Department has called Mr. Lattimore the architect of U.S. Far Eastern policy. It would have been irresponsible to a most alarming degree, if he had not checked his information carefully. He accused the State Department's closed corporation of "touching" of calling for advice upon "crackpots," and "to put it mildly, poor security risks."

Soon after Mr. McCarthy began to speak, there was standing room only in the galleries, and the back of the Senate chamber was jammed with House members who had travelled from the other side of the Capitol.

Mr. McCarthy told his hushed audience that some confusing language had been used in his investigation. His cases had been termed Communists, pro-Communists, and but security risks. He added: "I think a more proper term would be bad policy, which furthers the policies of the totalitarian half of the world at the expense of the God-fearing free half of the world."

"Untold damage"

He conceded that these are probably only a small percentage of Government workers. "But that small percentage can, and has been doing almost untold damage."

He was accusing Mr. Lattimore as an agent of Russia only after he had made a deep and painstaking study. He would be guilty of worse than treason if he did not make public the knowledge he had of Mr. Lattimore.

Said Mr. McCarthy: "When I started this investigation, I realized that the odds were greatly against me. I realised the odds were greatly against me in my

attempt to clean out a small percentage of twisted intellectuals in the State Department."

He could give the FBI the name of a second witness who was willing to testify under subpoena that he met and got to know Owen Lattimore in Moscow. He read from what he said was an affidavit that the witness claimed that Owen Lattimore and E. C. Carter were obviously receiving "instructions from the Soviets in Moscow at the time the witness knew Mr. Lattimore. This witness asked that his name not be used publicly."

The third witness, Mr. McCarthy explained, was reluctant to sign his name because he feared for his job and preferred not to testify because he might be given a rough time by the Committee. His testimony tied in Mr. Lattimore with the case of John Service, a foreign service officer, once accused but then cleared in connection with a theft of State Department papers during the war, he said.

Alleged visit

Mr. McCarthy read the Senate two affidavits and a document which, he said, he was turning over to the FBI. He did not reveal the source.

The affidavits told of a visit to Mr. Lattimore's home, the night before the arrests were made in the 1945 "Amerasia Case." The persons signing the affidavits alleged that they visited Mr. Lattimore's home and found there Service and Lt. Andrew Roth, who were arrested the next day. The Amerasia case concerned charges that State Department and defence documents were turned over illegally to the magazine. Service and Roth were arrested. Service was not indicted; the indictment against Roth was squashed.

One of the affidavits quoted Mr. Lattimore as saying that the group was "declassifying secret documents in favour of some of their friends, a common Washington practice." Mr. McCarthy explained he had not taken his information to Mr. Truman or to the Justice Department because he had lost confidence in both on Government loyalty matters.

Senator McCarthy, clashed sharply with Senator Herbert Lehman (Democrat) in an exchange that brought both applause and laughs from the galleries.

Senator John Sparkman, who was presiding, warned the visitors that no demonstrations would be permitted.

Senator Lehman asked if Senator McCarthy had given letters about Mr. Lattimore to the Senate sub-committee. "The answer is no," Senator McCarthy said bluntly.

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President denounces McCarthy

Key West, Florida, March 30.

President Harry Truman bitterly denounced Mr. McCarthy and Senate Republicans associated with him for trying to sabotage the bipartisan foreign policy of the United States.

Mr. Truman described Mr. McCarthy as the Kremlin's greatest asset in this country. He praised the bipartisan foreign policy co-operation of Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Leverett Saltonstall as well as Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, another Republican.

Mr. Truman is asking their advice with a view to appointing an outstanding Republican as Ambassador-at-Large to succeed Dr. Philip C. Jessup. Dr. Jessup was recently named special assistant and adviser to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. -Associated Press.

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THE FAMINE IN CHINA

The dropping of food supplies by air on the mainland is as good an idea as any that has come from Taipei in recent weeks. It is certainly a better one than dropping bombs on a long-suffering people whose soaring hopes have once more been checked by dismay and disillusionment amid famine, merciless taxation, and economic disorder. But the Generalissimo's appeal for "aid for the starving millions" sounded suspiciously like a political move, coupled as it was with a good deal of propaganda. If anything whatever is to be done to help in this crisis—a crisis of the people and not necessarily of the Government—it will have to be approached on a strictly humanitarian basis.

General Chiang Kai-shek's declaration that the Nationalists are prepared to give all possible help to "foreign friends and religious organizations" in facilitating the despatch of relief supplies is a definite contribution. It implies, among other things, non-interference with relief shipments. Food by air supply is a good gesture, but little more. It would be hopelessly inadequate as a practical proposition. Relief ships are the right answer. What is the attitude of the People's Government?

It is perhaps too much to expect that Government, in its present circumstances, to turn from denunciations of foreign imperialism and plead for help. The Kremlin and the International Communists in China have enough power and to spare to prevent any such gesture. But there is, perhaps, scope for indirect action which even the irreconcilables could not resist without a palpable betrayal of a people in sore need. International initiative in such crises was common in the past. It is hardly practicable today without some direct or indirect sponsorship from the Government itself.

This could come most appropriately from the central body under Tung Pi-wu which is trying to cope with the famine. We see no good reason why it should not appoint an International Subcommittee composed of Chinese and foreign scientists, technicians, and administrators, whose task it would be to make an appeal for international aid through the Red Cross and to distribute the relief in co-operation with existing bodies in all the famine areas, which now include some of the provinces South of the Yangtze.

One of the first things to do would be, of course, to broadcast the full facts of the crisis. Tung Pi-wu made a very long and exceedingly frank report to the inaugural meeting of the Central Famine Relief Committee in Peking a month ago. But famine stories are apparently not for foreign consumption, judging by the silence of Peking Radio, which is giving much time to details of the over-fulfilment of taxation targets in Manchuria and to a big irrigation scheme in Chahar, which may increase crops in years to come—but little or none to the actual facts of the existing famine.

Feelings are running pretty high abroad just now, especially in the United States, but to more kindly and generous people we walked the earth. One day was given by the Government.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE THIRD BOOK



THE GRAND ALLIANCE

A dramatic episode

By Winston Churchill

of a pitch-dark room Keyes was killed. The award of a posthumous Victoria Cross was the tribute to his conduct.

Early on November 18, in heavy rain, the Eighth Army leapt forward, and, according to their plan, the XIIIth Corps curled round the enemy positions on the frontier, while the XXXth Corps, meeting at first with no resistance, pressed upwards from the South to Sidi Rezegh. This ridge, about a hundred feet high, is almost a cliff on its Northern side, dominating the Capuzzo track, Rommel's main line of communication from West to East. Near it lies a very large airfield. Southwards, although not a conspicuous feature, it gives a good view over the undulating desert. It was judged by both sides to be the key to the whole battle area and the essential step to the relief of Tobruk.

All goes well

For the first three days all went well. On the 19th what was thought to be the bulk of the German armour moved South.

tending armies, hurried him all the time and all the way Rommel's columns, virtually unsupported by their own Air Force, suffered the pangs our troops had known and endured when it was Germany who dominated the battle. On the 20th all the enemy's armour turned Northwards and sought haven in and near Bardia. Next day they hurried off to the West, back to Sidi Rezegh, whither they were urgently summoned. Rommel's daring stroke had failed, but, as will now be seen, only one man—the opposing Commander-in-Chief—stopped him.

The heavy blows we had received and the impression of disorder behind our front, caused by Rommel's raid, led General Cunningham to represent to the

ous consideration and consulted the Minister of State on my return this afternoon. I am convinced that I am right, though I realise the undesirability of such a step at present on general grounds. I will try and minimise publicity as much as possible.

The Minister of State, Oliver Lyttelton, explained and strongly supported the Commander-in-Chief's decision. To him I telegraphed at once.

General Auchinleck's authority over all commanders is supreme, and all his decisions during the battle will be confirmed by us. Your action and attitude highly approved. Communicate (this) to General Auchinleck.

Here I shall leave this incident, so painful to the gallant officer concerned, to his brother the Naval Commander-in-Chief, and to General Auchinleck, who was a personal friend of both. I particularly admired General Auchinleck's conduct in riding up to all personal considerations and to all temptations to compromise or delay action.

Vital problem

It was vital at this moment to cut off Rommel's fuel supply, and I therefore telegraphed both to General Auchinleck and the Naval Commander-in-Chief, urging that a blow should be struck at the enemy communications.

Admiral Cunningham replied to me personally forthwith:

I am naturally very much alive to vital importance of Benghazi supply route, and First Sea Lord will by now have told you dispositions which were already in hand to deal with situation. Our first move was to hold up enemy convoys by means of three mines from the forward end of Mediterranean, and this has had considerable success. Now that convoys are resuming sailings they will be attacked by surface, air and submarine forces.

He did his utmost, but it was from Malta that the most effective blow was struck. On the night of the 24th, the cruisers and destroyers of Force "K" sailed forth and caught the two oil tankers on which the enemy counted highly.

While Rommel was engaged with the Afrika Corps on his audacious but costly excursion through the communications and rear of the British Eighth Army, Freyberg and his New Zealanders, supported by the 1st Army Tank Brigade, pressed hard upon Sidi Rezegh. After two days of severe fighting they recaptured it. Simultaneously the garrison of Tobruk, reinforced by the 2nd and 3rd Divisions, and the XIIIth Corps Headquarters entered beleaguered Tobruk.

(To be continued)

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There is no need for a third world war, says Kueh-kue, who claims he does not like khaki.

Says a local report: "Twelve hundred workers are idle at a colliery near Conventry." "Now, now, let's have nun of that."

"Red China Mail service will resume." "Yes, as a matter of fact we have been trying to call this for some time."

Marital law proclaimed in Communist Rome. "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do—or else."

"If you find life dull in Hong Kong and want a change, open a business in Canton. You'll find there is such a strong bond between you and the administration that it's more profitable to close your business down."

With all these new numbers being issued, I begin to understand why they call it the telephone exchange.

"Nails wife in her bedroom." "No, Myrtle, she was all alone."

More State Department high-ups are being denounced as Communist agents.

I understand, however, that those in the know in Washington just laugh at the theory that President Truman is Stalin in disguise.

"Harbour tragedy." "Licences of ferry and wall-walls coxswains suspended." "Come, come, it's not too bad. They're only being suspended temporarily."

"UK plans top underwater battle fleet." "Can you see any sense in this? Maybe the Admiralty is looking for a surf ace. Or alternatively has decided on flying submarines."

Watered down. "What a supply-cut again. Of course, this one is becoming known throughout the world as the shortage."

It is warmongering, capitalist imperialist propaganda, says Peking Radio, to suggest that there is widespread famine in China. All that is really happening is that millions are starving to death because they cannot get enough to eat.

As from today, you can no longer get a drink (legally) in Bombay.

Said the authorities: "To beer or not to beer, that is the question. And the answer came: Drink to me only with thy Nye."

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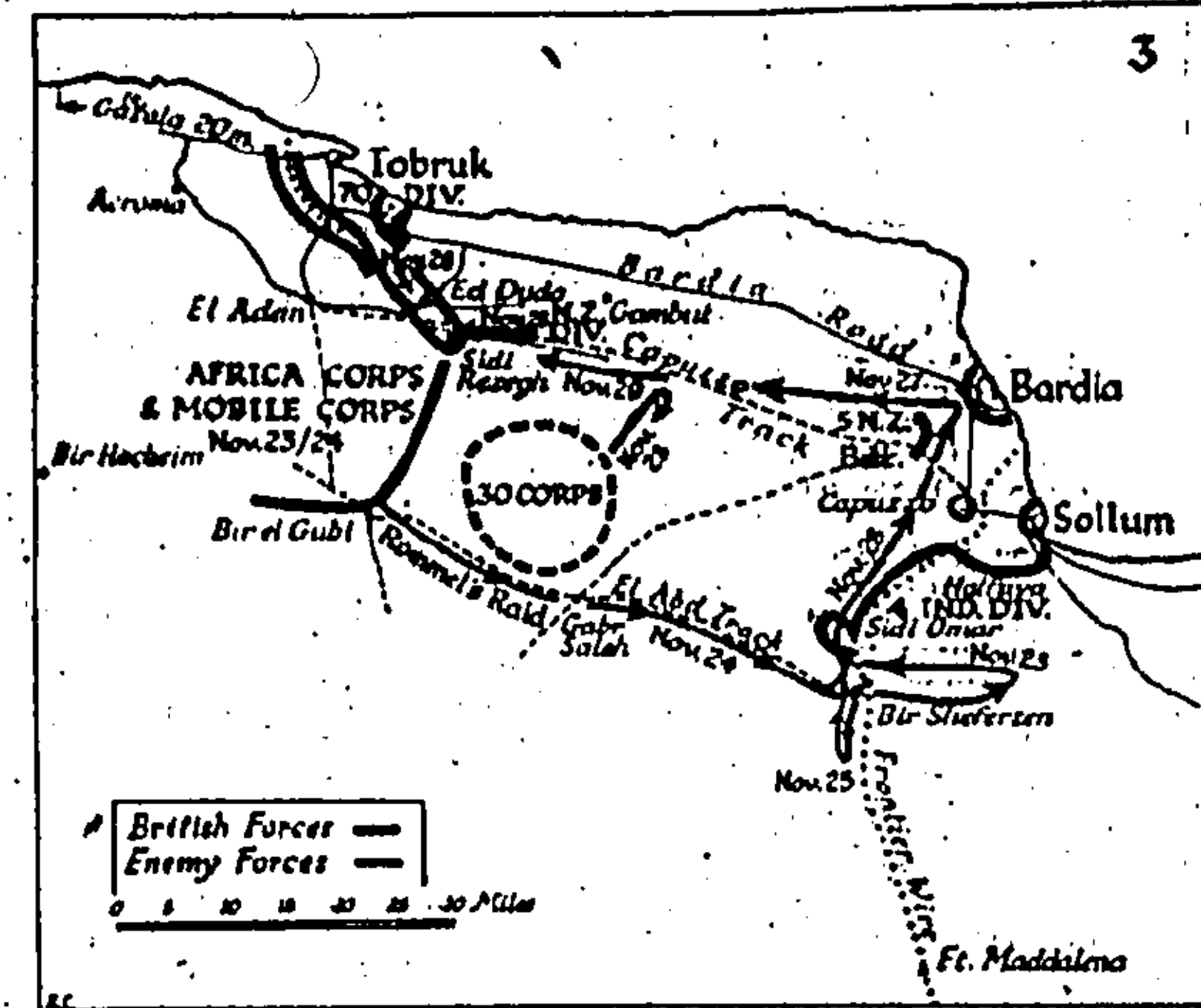
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ROMMEL'S RAID NOV. 24-28 SECOND BATTLE OF SIDI REZEGH NOV. 29-30

from the coastal zone where they had been lying, and next day met our 4th and 22nd Armoured Divisions. The British 7th Armoured Brigade, the West of Sidi Omar. The British 7th Armoured Division in its search for the enemy became widely dispersed. One of its brigades (the 7th) and the Support Group took Sidi Rezegh. These and other units were successively attacked by the Afrika Corps, whose armour had been kept more concentrated.

During the whole of the 21st and 22nd, a savage struggle raged, mainly around and upon the airfield. In this the British eventually all the armour of both sides was drawn, and surged to and fro in violent struggles under the fire of rival batteries. The stronger armament of the German tanks and the larger numbers they brought to the points of collision gave them the advantage. In spite of the heroic and brilliant leadership of Brigadier Jock Campbell the Germans prevailed, and we suffered more heavily than they in tanks.

On the night of the 22nd the German recaptured Sidi Rezegh. Gen. Norrie, commanding the XXXth Corps, having lost two-thirds of his armour, ordered a general withdrawal of 20 miles in order to reorganise his command in the area North of the El Abd track. This was a heavy setback.

(By November 23, 1941, the fifth day of General Auchinleck's desert offensive ("Crusader"), Rommel had driven off our armour from Sidi Rezegh with a loss of two-thirds of its tanks.)

There was now a dramatic episode which recalls "Jeh" Sturgis' ride round McClellan in 1862 on the York Town peninsula in the American Civil War. It was however executed with an armoured force which was an army in itself, and whose destruction would have doomed the rest of the Axis army. Rommel resolved to seize the tactical initiative and to force his way Eastward to the frontier with his armour in the hope of creating so much alarm and causing so much alarm as to prevail upon our command to give up the struggle and withdraw.

He collected what remained of the Afrika Corps, still the most formidable body in the field, and thrust down the El Abd road or track to Sidi Rezegh, narrowly missing the headquarters of the XXXth Corps and a two great dumps of supplies without which we could not have continued to fight. On reaching the frontier he split his force into columns, some of which turned North and South, and others drove on 20 miles into the desert. By this time his armour was exhausted, and his columns were made no impression on the 1st Indian Division. They were pursued by detachments of the 7th Armoured Division, the 7th Indian Division, and the 7th Indian Division.

As the German armour moved South, the British 7th Armoured Division followed it, and the British 7th Armoured Division followed it.

Commander-in-Chief that a continuation of our offensive might result in the annihilation of our tank force, and so endanger the safety of Egypt. This would mean acknowledged defeat and failure of the whole operation. At this decisive moment, General Auchinleck intervened personally. At Cunningham's request he flew with Air Marshal Tedder to the Desert Headquarters on November 23, and, with full knowledge of all the dangers, ordered General Cunningham "to continue to press the offensive against the enemy." By his personal action Auchinleck thus saved the battle and proved his outstanding qualities as a commander in the field.

To me he telegraphed on the 24th from the Advanced Headquarters:

Few tanks

On arrival I found Cunningham perturbed at the situation, owing to the very small number of our tanks reported still in running order. Apparently five days' continuous fighting and manoeuvring resulted in considerable disorganisation and losses from enemy action and mechanical breakdowns in our armoured division. There are sure to be reasons for this, but they do not matter now. In his attack yesterday evening the enemy used Italian tanks, which I take as evidence that he is running short of his own. I am convinced that he is fully stretched and desperate, and that we must go on pressing him relentlessly. We may immobilise temporarily at least practically all our tanks in the process, but that does not matter if we destroy all his.

I replied at once:

Prime Minister to General Auchinleck. 25 November, 41.

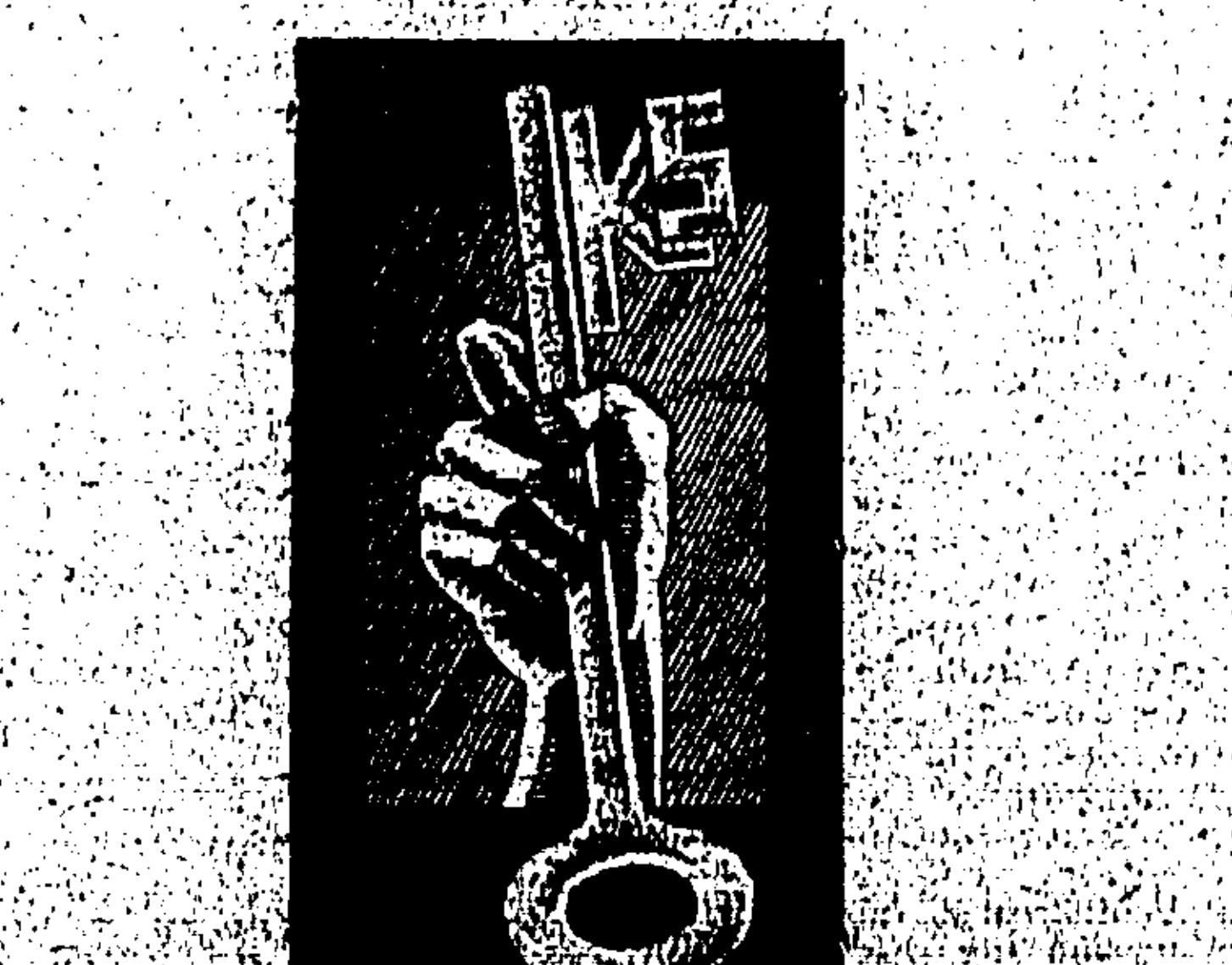
I cordially endorse your view and intentions, and his Majesty's Government wish to share your responsibility for fighting it out to the last inch, whatever may be the result. It is all or nothing, but I am sure you are the stronger, and will win. You have no doubt had my message about the rest of the 1st Armoured Division landing at Suez today. It is in it, useful at earliest without delay upon the enemy by all units. Am immensely heartened by your magnificent spirit and gallantry. Sincerely, "Bravo" to Tedder and RAF on all military tasks.

On Auchinleck's return to Cairo on the 25th he telegraphed to me:

I have decided to replace General Cunningham temporarily by General Ritchie, my present Deputy Chief of Staff. This is not on account of any criticism of his performance, but because I have decided to replace him with a more experienced commander. I have decided to replace him with a more experienced commander.

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ACHESON SUPPORTS PLAN FOR AID TO BACKWARD AREAS

Cuts would affect aim of checking Communism

Washington, March 30. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that any cut in the \$45,000,000 wanted for President Truman's "Point Four" programme would have unfortunate results on efforts to check Communism in Asia.

"It would undoubtedly be interpreted by the peoples of the free countries of Asia, the Middle East and other under-developed areas as lack of interest in a policy on which they had been putting great hopes," he said.

Mr. Acheson was supporting the "Point Four" programme for technical aid to backward areas in the world.

SEQUEL TO MASS AIR ESCAPE

Prague, March 30. Czechoslovakia today demanded that the American authorities in Western Germany hand over eight Czechs involved in the mass air escape of 26 anti-Communists to face trial here.

The Czech Government made its demands in two protest notes to the American Embassy in Prague. The notes were disclosed by the controlled radio.

The notes said that the eight Czechs, including crew of three aircraft in which the escape was made last Friday, were guilty of kidnapping and of endangering the lives of 56 Czechs, who were unwillingly flown to the U.S. airbase at Erding, Germany.

These passengers have already returned here.

The Czech Radio had indicated last night that such protests were imminent by broadcasting interviews with the returned passengers, accusing the U.S. authorities in Western Germany of Nazi Gestapo methods in questioning the plane passengers.

The first protest note recounted the story of the mass escape. It told how three Czech commercial airlines left the cities of Brno and Ostrava in Moravia and Bratislava in Slovakia last Friday and were flown to Erding airbase.

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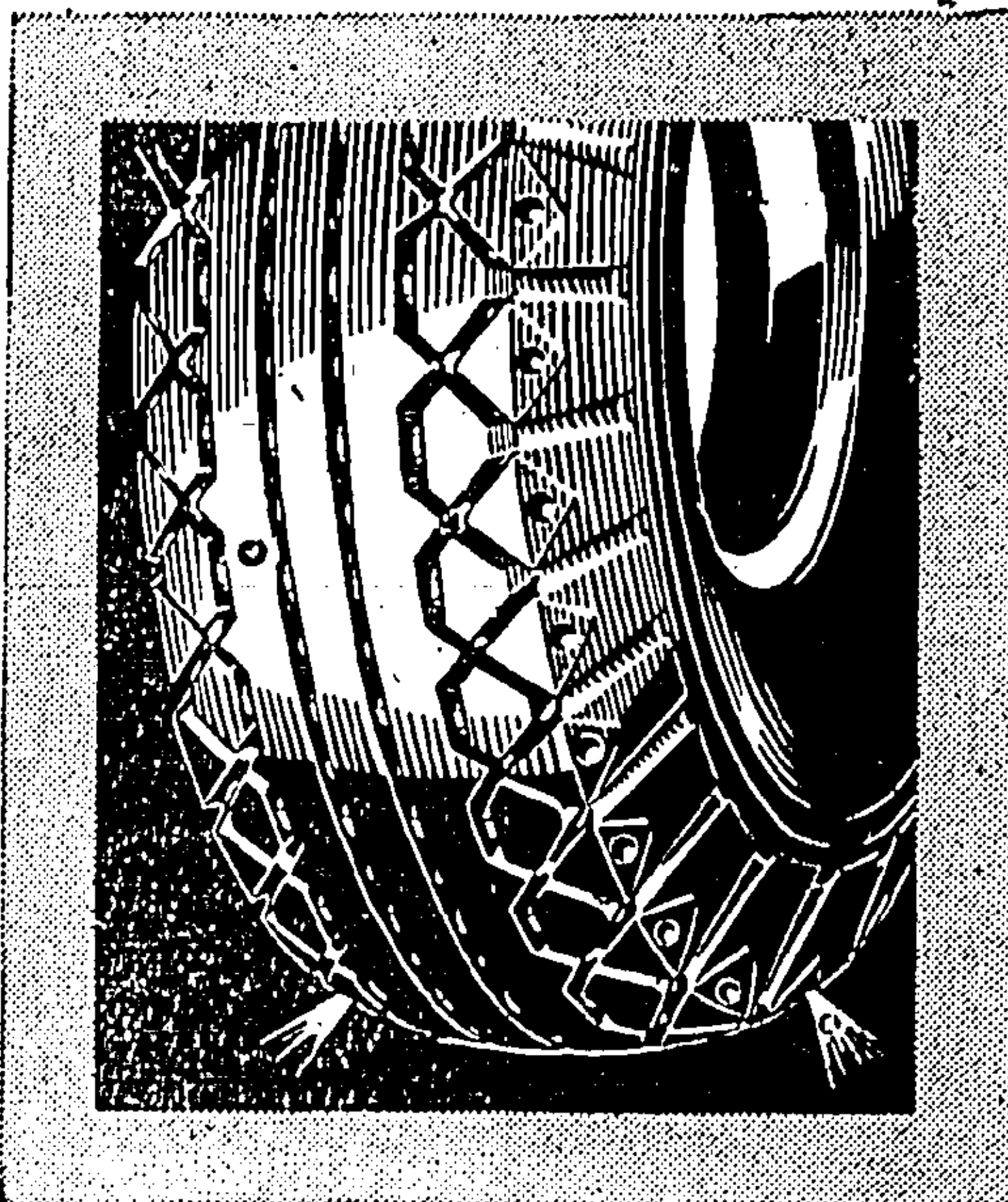
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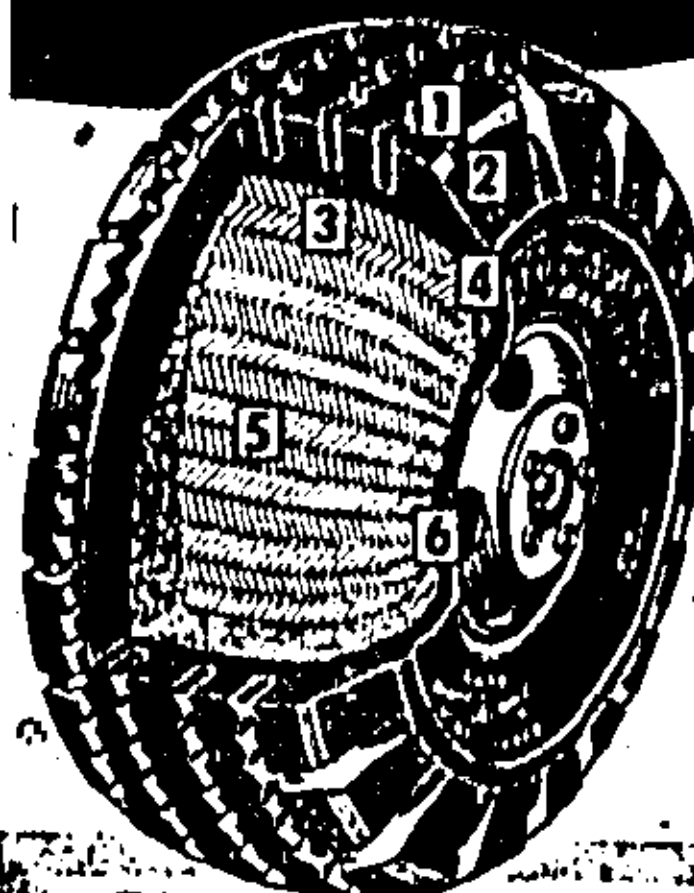
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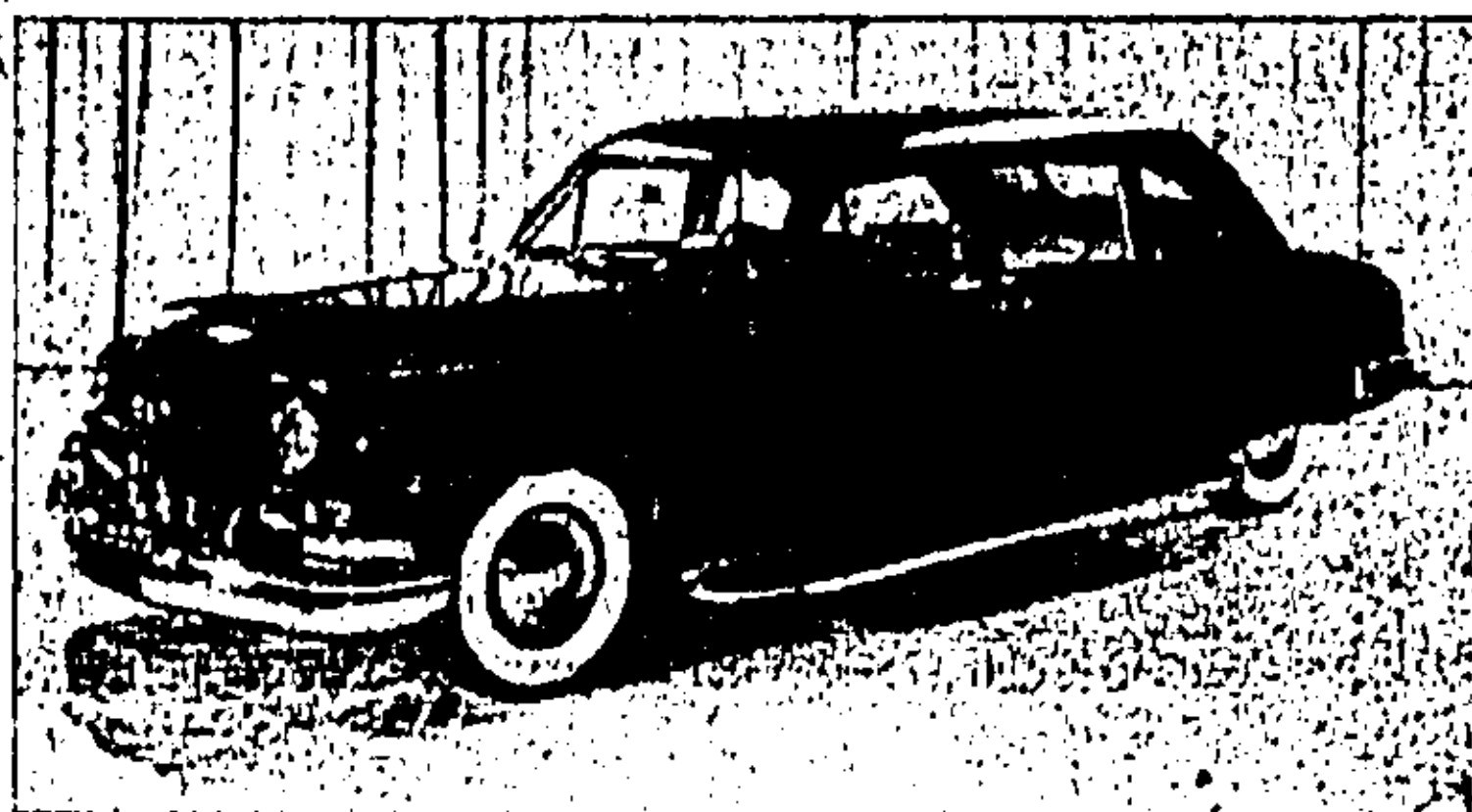
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS



The No. 1 White House custom Lincoln Cosmopolitan limousine which has been delivered to the U.S. Government for President Truman's use. The special car has a wheelbase of 145 inches compared with the 126-inch wheelbase of a standard Lincoln Cosmopolitan sedan. The car was designed by Lincoln-Mercury engineers under the direction of Harold T. Youngren, Vice-President, Engineering, Ford Motor Company. It is powered with a standard high compression 152 HP V-type 8-cylinder Lincoln engine and is equipped with heavy duty Hydra-Matic transmission.

Custom-built Lincoln for President Truman seats seven passengers

The first of a special fleet of Custom-built Lincoln Cosmopolitan cars has just been delivered to the White House, Mr. Benson Ford, Vice President of the Ford Motor Company, announced recently in Washington.

It is one of nine seven-passenger limousines and one seven-passenger convertible being built for White House use. Delivery of the remaining cars will follow at regular intervals.

The 10 Lincoln Cosmopolitans are being leased to the U.S. Government under a contract with the Ford Motor Company. A similar leasing arrangement for White House cars has been in effect for many years. They are all heavily bullet-proof and bomb-proof.

Car No. 1, which has just been delivered for use by President Truman, and three other similar 7-passenger limousines being fitted for use by high dignitaries, have special gold-plated appointments in the passenger compartment, which is separated from the driver's compartment by a glass partition. There are special fitted cases of brown lizard skin recessed into the sides of the passenger compartment including a thermos case, writing case with gold pen, cigar and cigarette case and arm rest cigarette case. There is also a lap robe of the finest broadcloth with a plush lining of harmonizing colours.

Rich upholstery

The upholstery of the President's car is a rich gray, shadow-stripe broadcloth with gray grain metal garnish mouldings. This is offset with gold-plated fixtures. The top of the car is covered with pyroxalyn Landau grain coated fabric, adding to the custom appearance of the car.

The remaining five limousines have chrome-plated appointments. All 10 are painted black and each has two extra folding seats. Each limousine has two fresh air heaters, one under the hood for the driver and one fitted into the trunk for the passengers. Two standard radios,

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The price of the President's car and the other three Cosmopolitans for use by high dignitaries is not known. A car similar to the other two limousines being built for the White House, however, will cost approximately U.S.\$30,000.

SWEDEN IMPORTS

All restrictions on imports of cars from Britain and France into Sweden are to be abolished, announces Mr. John Eriksson, the Swedish Minister of Trade, in Stockholm.

Mr. Eriksson described the decision as a step towards a general liberalization of Swedish foreign trade. Britain and France are the two greatest European suppliers of cars to Sweden. The new move is expected to result in an enormous expansion of the market for British cars in Sweden, particularly the smaller makes. Swedish motor dealers have long waiting lists of prospective customers.



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Rubber industry's Napoleon resigns

For the first time in a half century, F. A. Seiberling is out of the rubber industry. The stocky little fighter, founder of rubber empires and an industrial wizard, resigned recently as chairman and director of the Seiberling Rubber Co.

At 80, F. A. has been forced to retire because of illness. Until a year ago he spent nearly every working day in his office at the Barborton plant, Akron Ohio.

His letter of resignation was simple and touching, ending the career of a man who has reached the heights and taken the bumps in a variety of industrial enterprises.

Here was Mr. Akron, always a fighter, who was responsible for much of this city's industrial growth, finally stepping out of the harness.

He regretted the move deeply. But it was apparent that time had slowed up the body, although the mind still is keen.

"I think I should not be counted as one of the directors or be designated chairman of your board," he said in his letter of resignation.

"I need not tell you I regret that I have been unable to be present at your meetings, or at my office to continue my routine of duties," the letter continued.

"F. A." has always been a believer in the future. He never lost hope in any endeavor, regardless of the odds against him. And now, at 80, he foresees a good future for Seiberling Rubber Co.

"The strength of Seiberling Rubber Co. has always been a joy and a source of pride to me," he said. "I know that it will become stronger in the years to come."

For two generations he has been known as the "Little Napoleon" of rubber. That title was given to him partly because of his physical likeness to the famous French general, but mostly because F. A. has been as stout a battler.

Fifty-one years ago, when he was 38 years old, F. A. founded a great rubber empire—Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Co. It began as a shoe-string venture.

"F. A." had received a thorough schooling in business with his late father, J. F. Seiberling. From the milling industry, the Seiberlings had branched off into the manufacturing of mowers and reapers and then to the operations of Akron's electric street railway.

But it was rubber that proved the ideal vehicle for a plunger of F. A.'s caliber.

The panic of 1893 and labour troubles wrecked the mower and reaper works which the Seiberlings had built into a profitable concern.

The difficulties of the 90's had their value for "F. A." in the final analysis. The experience he gained from them was later applied in the operation of Goodyear.

Goodyear was free from labour troubles from the time it was founded until sometime after F. A.'s departure in 1921.

And for the first 25 years, Seiberling Rubber Co. never lost a single day of operation due to labour difficulties.

F. A. Seiberling founded Goodyear in 1898, but this was not the Seiberling's first dip into rubber however.

In 1896, "F. A." his brother, the late C. W. Seiberling, and their father started India Rubber. This was not the same India Rubber Co. organized later in Mogadore.

"F. A." was nearly broke when he plunged into the manufacture of rubber. In Chicago one day he met the owner of a couple of abandoned buildings on an eight-acre parcel across the street from the East Akron cemetery.

The owner wanted \$50,000 for the property. F. A. finally got the property for \$13,500. But he needed \$3,500 for down payment.

He hopped the next train for Akron to dig up the money. On arriving in Akron, "F. A." routed out of bed his brother-in-law, L. C. Miles. It was 6 in the morn-



MR. F. A. SEIBERLING

ing and Miles was in no mood to argue. "F. A." got the money.

In a short time he had \$43,500, mostly from friends in Akron. One of these, David E. Hill, the sewer pipe magnate, reluctantly subscribed \$10,000.

Production began in the fall of 1898. Solid carriage tyres and pneumatic bicycle tyres were the chief products. Before long some \$90,000 had been paid into the company's treasury. The company was worth about \$200,000 in a short time.

Hill was the first president. Later he sold out to R. C. Penfold, Seiberling's brother-in-law, who later assumed the presidency.

"F. A." was the first general manager and C. W. Seiberling the first secretary. For industrialists, except F. A., believed that the \$10,000 in stock which Hill owned would eventually be worth millions.

"F. A." named the company Goodyear in honor of Charles Goodyear, the inventor of the vulcanisation process which made the modern rubber industry possible.

The familiar Goodyear "Wing-foot" trademark was also his idea.

He got it from a bronze Mercury with winged feet holding a light which stood out prominently on a novel post in the Seiberling home on East Market St. near Summit.

Goodyear's early days were not easy. The company prospered but only "F. A."s' stubborn genius kept it forging ahead.

In 1906 Frank Seiberling became President. By that time Goodyear was first among the 25 companies in the carriage tyre business.

In 1907 Goodyear's total sales reached \$2,000,000, an amazing figure to the rubber world. And from then on the company's business really began to climb.

In 1908 sales had doubled to \$4,000,000. In 1909 they went up to \$9,500,000. In 1910 and 1911 and to \$25,000,000 in 1911. The great Akron boom was on. The city began to grow by leaps.

During these years "F. A." kept right on heading his company. Goodyear was at the top of the rubber heap and F. A. was the biggest man in the industry.

All went well until 1920, when a combination of a violent business depression and a collapse in the price of raw rubber for which Goodyear had made large commitments cost "F. A." his control of the company.

He was 81 then, his great future was gone and he was loaded with debt.

But if there was any feeling of defeat in "F. A."s' mind he never showed it.

Before the end of the year, "F. A." was fathering a new rubber company—Seiberling Rubber Co.

The 1929 financial crash shook the country but with F. A. at the helm, Seiberling Rubber Co. moved ahead.

Within five years, Frank Seiberling steered his new company past India, Mohawk, Mason, Leo C. Miles, and others.

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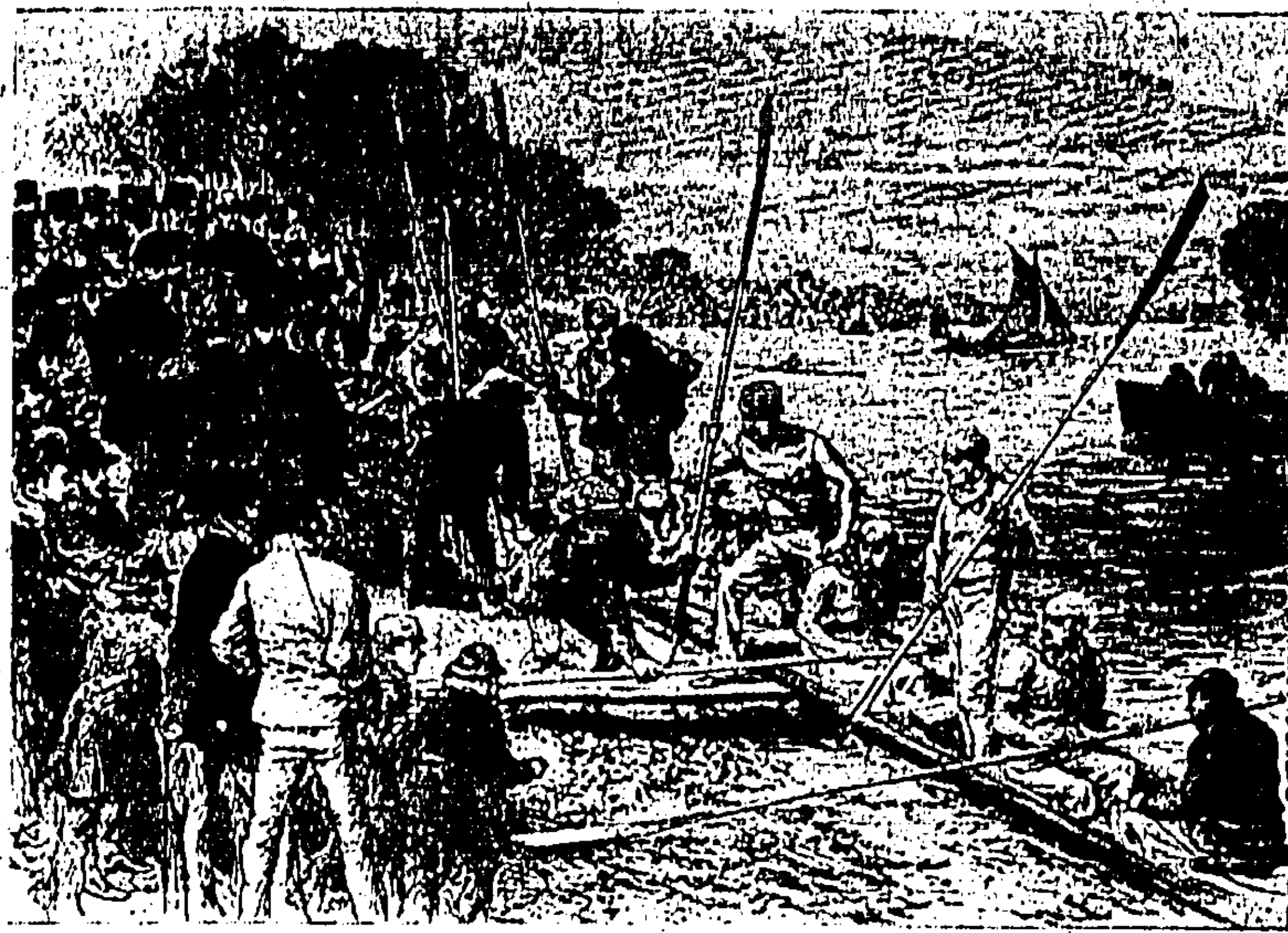
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The Cambridge University crew of 1870 stepping ashore after a practice outing. From a contemporary print in the "Illustrated London News" of April 2, 1870.

For the love of the race

Financially speaking, neither Oxford nor Cambridge can win the Boat Race today. The Dark and Light Blues battle on the same side when they look their cash deficits in the face. Cambridge alone will be down more than £1,600 before a blade touches the water at Putney, and each of her Blues will have to find about £30 out of his own pocket. The two varsities will pay out over 8/6d for every yard of the 7,414 yards in the race. Where does the money go?

Before the war a boat cost £120 while at the turn of the century the price was as low as £60. Today a new craft means £250 on the nail. A set of oars, £25 pre-war, now costs nearly £60. Food accounts for another £60, while launches and trial races run away with a further £200. On top of all this, there is more than £400 to pay for hotel bills and transport.

The financial paradox of the Boat Race is that, although the 20-minute event means a heavy loss for the contestants, something like 1,000,000 sportsmen will see it free of charge. The battle attracts more supporters than any other event of the sporting year. Potential fees for admission to the towpath amount to many thousands of pounds. Yet, to date, no one has devised a way of collecting the spectators' money.

For the bulk of their income, the two Boat Clubs lean heavily upon the grants made to them by the clubs of the colleges, and also upon the Central Sports Funds of the universities. In addition, some cash comes from the sale of broadcasting, television and film rights, and a few private gifts are also received. But, apart from discontinuing the futile altogether, there seems to be no practical way of easing the financial burden. And the race will never be abandoned.

Behind the scenes

If the costs are so high, why is the battle of the Blues still fought each year? Before we can answer this question, we must look behind the scenes of rowing at the universities. There, we learn that a new boat used to be built annually because each shell had to be tailored to fit the crew of the year and, in addition, sports craft were needed for the trial crews selected in following seasons. Nowadays, with one eye on the till, the Presidents of the University Boat Clubs cannot always allow such lavish spending.

Whether new or old, each of the "shells" which competes on the day of the race will have started life in the yards of boat-builders who never use a blue-print. All that the individual craftsmen knows are the heights and weights of the crew, and each constructs his boat around the oarsmen who will man her, lowering a sabbard a quarter of an inch here or widening a seat a half-inch there, to suit the exact requirements of the particular oarsman's build. For the rest, each craftsman relies entirely upon his experience and skill.

What goes to make a first-class rowing man? Like many men of action, the "wet-bob" is also a thinker. Rowing demands as much brainwork as muscular effort. Being a thinker, the oarsman knows that no man is worth his salt unless he rows for the sheer love of the sport. A waterman is no good if he paddles for personal glory. For even though he may have sailed for years to earn his seat in a boat, the true bladesman willingly stands down for a better man.

Picking the crew

How are the eight oarsmen and one cox chosen? The responsibility rests entirely upon the President of each University Boat Club, who picks out the "promising" men in the "summer" bumping races, and at "Rowing

Royal Regatta—paying special attention to those recommended by the captains of the college boat clubs.

As the days of autumn pass, he eliminates all but the best 18. These rowers and coxes, who form

By Paul Clifton

the two Trial Eights of each varsity, row against each other at Ely and Oxford at the end of the Michaelmas Term. The 18 become members of the Leander Club, and from them the President selects the best nine men, including one cox, to row against the rival university.

Shortage of food is one of the biggest problems that the racing crews are up against. A few parcels are sent from overseas, but the days have long since passed when several raw eggs and a beef-steak were the regular daily diet. Today the Blues must make do with whale-meal steak, and vitamin tablets are the only

source of additional energy. Yet every man needs real strength to propel his boat along.

It was to increase the drive behind each stroke that Steven Fairbairn—the Australian from Victoria who rowed for and coached Jesus College, Cambridge, from 1882—introduced a new style. Fairbairn instructed his men to spend their entire time mastering their oars with their minds. Their bodies, he said, would take care of themselves. "Learn to drive your blade through the water to perfection" was Fairbairn's advice.

The oar, he said, should strike the water with the note of a bell, and each stroke ought to have the rhythm of music, the rower swinging back and forth like a pendulum. It is this ideal, in essence aesthetic, that lures on the oarsman. It merges with the sportsman's instinct and creates the true amateur spirit. No wonder the Boat Race will never be abandoned in spite of its heavy costs. The men who take part love the race. As Rabalais says in "Gargantua", they "Row on whatever happens".

Witch-hunting senator returns to the attack

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Senator Lehman demanded, "Why is the Senator unwilling to submit his facts to the committee?" Senator McCarthy had made eliminations to suit his purpose in reading letters and submitted them there to make a spectacle of this highly important thing when a man hasn't got a chance to answer.

Photostatic copy

Senator McCarthy said, "Some people show crocodile tears for the suffering of those traitorous individuals. The Senate committee knows where it can get facts."

Senator Lehman protested that Senator McCarthy refuses to give full facts but goes on to damn and blacken the reputations of many people who may be innocent.

Although Senator McCarthy said the alleged meeting in Mr. Lattimore's home took place on the night before the arrest, the affidavit which Senator McCarthy read quoted Mr. Lattimore as having said that Roth and Service had been arrested because of a feud with some Washington officials.

Senator McCarthy did not explain the apparent inconsistency in time. He also displayed a photostatic copy of a letter allegedly signed by Mr. Lattimore on July 15, 1943. Mr. Lattimore was then a high official of the Office of War Information. Senator McCarthy said the letter directed OWI security officers to get rid of all Chinese employees who were loyal either to the Nationalist Government or the Japanese puppet government in China.

The letter also ordered the recruiting of new Chinese em-

ployees from among a group attached to the "New China Daily News", which Senator McCarthy described as a Chinese Communist paper in New York. He did not read the text of the letter.

Senator McCarthy said the letter was written to Joseph Barnes, Mr. Lattimore's "boss" in the OWI.

Lattimore's reply

In London today, Owen Lattimore said that Senator McCarthy's charges that he is a Soviet espionage agent were an unmitigated lie.

The former State Department adviser said he had not time to keep up with Senator McCarthy's statements, "But I would like to make two points here in London."

"Mr. McCarthy's charges are an unmitigated lie. Secondly, I have been writing and publishing as a professor on Soviet politics and geography for 20 years. My opinion and loyalty are a matter of public record. My political predictions have shown I have been right more often than most people. Mr. McCarthy could have learned my opinions by walking across the street to the Library of Congress."

Mr. Lattimore stopped in London for two hours, on the way home from Afghanistan. A call from Washington was waiting for him as his plane touched down. As soon as he had passed the Customs, he went to the airport office to take the call.

Mr. Lattimore spoke for 30 minutes, but refused to divulge the nature of his conversation or to whom he had talked.—United Press.

Deveze to keep on trying to solve Belgian crisis

Brussels, March 30. M. Albert Deveze, the veteran Belgian Liberal who is opposed to King Leopold's return, is to continue his efforts to form a Government.

Just returned from an interview with the Regent, Prince Charles, M. Deveze firmly declared that he is about to announce his efforts.

King Leopold. Then he would have asked the King to address the joint Houses.

Thus King Leopold's transfer of power to the Crown Prince could have been decided in full accord with his Majesty and in loyalty towards the nation, the monarchy and the dynasty, he declared.

French leftists mourn death of Leon Blum

Paris, March 30.

All leading figures of the French political world, from the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, to backroom officials of the Socialist Party, tonight went to pay a last visit to M. Leon Blum at Clos-les-Metz, where he died today.

Madame Blum told them her husband sat down to write an article for "Le Populaire" after lunch. At 10 minutes to three he said he did not feel well and would finish the article later. Forty minutes later he was dead.

At the Socialist Party Headquarters tonight, the red flag was flown at half-mast. A rosette of black crepe was attached to the flag.

It is unofficially learned that the funeral will take place on Sunday at Jouy-en-Josas.

M. Blum, who was 78, was seriously ill in May last year and had two operations. He was suffering from phlebitis.

He died suddenly today at Jouy-en-Josas, his country home outside Paris. He had recently lived quietly in retirement, but still contributed frequently to the Socialist newspaper.

M. Blum was in good health yesterday and his death came as a complete surprise to his friends, a Socialist Party spokesman said. M. Andre Blumel, a close friend of M. Blum, who was head of his private office during his pre-war Premiership, said today that M. Blum had probably died of the illness which had caused his retirement from politics, and which was believed to have been cancer.

Passion for justice

Leon Blum, dean of French Socialists, rose from wealthy dramatic critic to direct the most revolutionary government in the history of the Third Republic.

A fastidious erudite with a passion for social justice, Blum was born in Paris, April 9, 1872. His father was a prosperous Jewish silk manufacturer of Alsatian origin. From his school days Blum was a Socialist, although he did not join the party until 1899.

As a child he astounded his father by asking, "How is it possible to buy an article cheap, sell it dear, and call oneself honest?"

Convinced that the end of the prosperous bourgeois class was at hand as representing an unfair distribution of wealth, Blum, as a young man, became a close friend of the famous Socialist Jean Jaures, together they campaigned for Dreyfus in the famous case which split France apart at the turn of the century.

With Jaures, Blum founded a Socialist newspaper, "Humanite", in 1904. Later, "Humanite" became the property of the Communists, and the Socialists started another paper, "Populaire". Blum became its political director in 1921.

Although Blum's parents were wealthy, their son cared nothing for money and spent most of his small fortune on his party and "Populaire". Yet his beautiful apartment on the old island of Saint Louis in the middle of the Seine was crammed with Chinese tapestries and "Sever" vases, and his cook was one of the best in France. He was a famous conversationalist and was continually disappointing Paris hostesses by his refusal to accept dinner invitations.

A scholar

Blum was also a scholar and among 24 books he wrote is one on the novelist Stendhal and another on Goethe. A treatise on marriage which he published in 1937 caused a minor sensation, for Blum said that both men and women were naturally polygamous in their youth and should not marry until they had done some experimenting.

Blum's political opportunity came in 1936, when he became Premier of a Popular Front Government. In 1934 the Communists

and Socialists had united against a growing threat of Fascism from within and without France. Germany under Hitler was becoming stronger and steadily more aggressive and the Croix de Feu and other French fascist parties more active.

After the bloody rioting between Left and Right in February, 1934, the Socialists and the Communists united.

A wave of sitdown strikes greeted Blum's arrival to power. He refused to evacuate the factories by force, and the strikes were settled finally without violence. Blum put through a series of labour reforms which included the five-day, 40-hour week and a minimum wage.

His administration, which became known as "France's New Deal" also reorganised the Bank of France, hitherto controlled by "les deux cents", 200 families whose controlling shares gave them a disproportionate power. The armaments industry, was partly Nationalised as well.

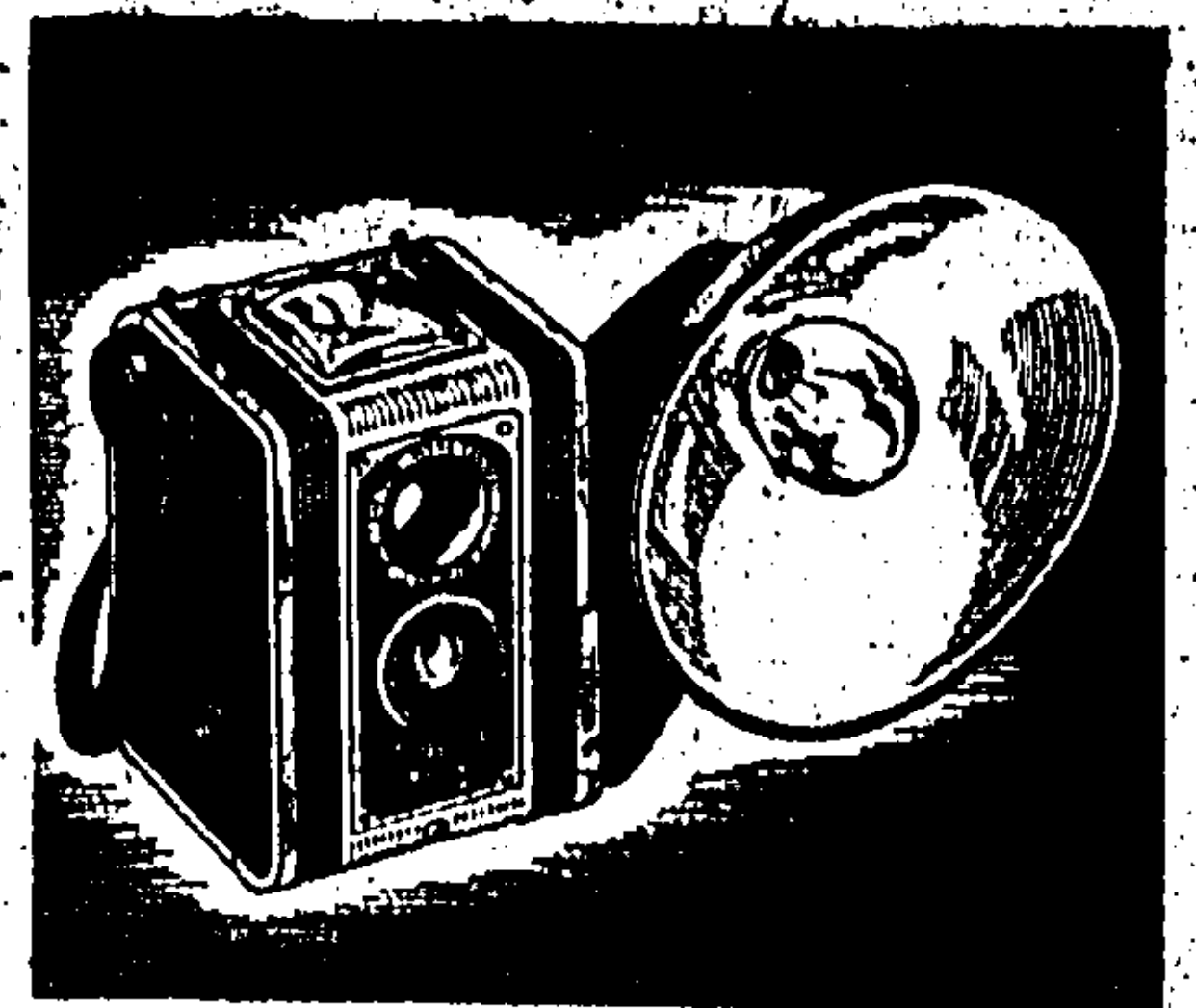
The Government fell in June, 1937, however, and Blum became Vice-Premier under Camille Chautemps. That Government fell in January, 1938. Blum was again Premier for three weeks, in the spring of 1938, but was then forced to abandon his power.

Tried by Vichy

As a leading Socialist and Jew, Blum was arrested shortly after the Vichy regime came to power in 1940. His spirited defence of his Popular Front Government was one of the highlights of the remarkable Blum trials early in 1942, when Vichy tried to prove that Blum, General Maurice Gamelin and the former Premier, Edouard Daladier, were responsible for the war. The trial, which revealed some disagreeable truths about men then prominent in Vichy, was finally called off by the Germans.

However, Blum along with Daladier, General Maxime Weygand and the former Premiers, Edouard Herriot and Paul Reynaud, was deported to Germany. He was, miraculously, decently treated, and the Germans even allowed a French woman friend to come from France and live with him. Blum later married this woman, his third wife.

Welcomed wholeheartedly by his party on his return to France in the summer of 1945, Blum resumed his position as its president and took up his articles in "Populaire". He refused to run for office in the first general elections to follow liberation, in October, 1945.—Reuter and United Press.



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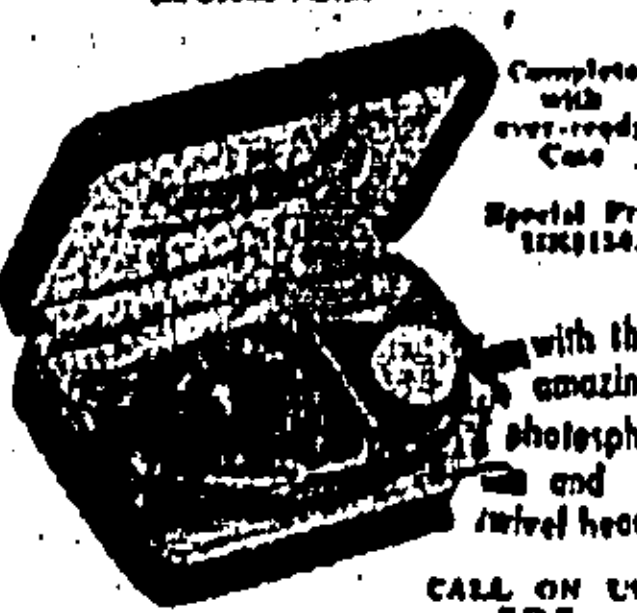
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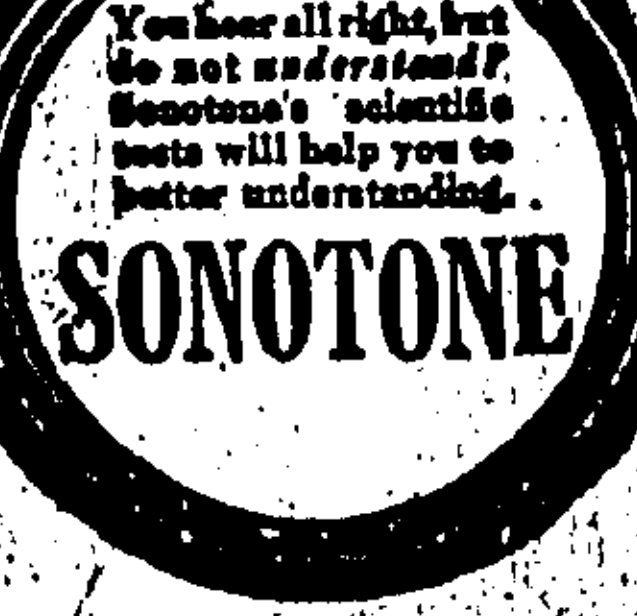
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Surprise move by trusteeship body

Geneva, March 30.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council this afternoon rejected a proposal that administering authorities should fly the sky-blue United Nations flag alongside their own in trust territories.

This was the first time in United Nations history that the Council has rejected a resolution recommended to it by the General Assembly.

Two tied votes, one this morning and one this afternoon, resulted in the application of the Council's rule of

procedure to the effect that the resolution was automatically rejected.

In a second roll call vote Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium and France reaffirmed their opposition to the motion.

The United States was the only Trust administrator to vote in favour of the resolution, which was submitted jointly by the Philippines and China.

A first vote of the 11 Council delegates was tied by Argentina's abstention. At the second roll-call Argentina again abstained.

A second time in favour were the Philippines, China, the Dominican Republic, Iraq and the United States.

Russia has not taken a seat in the Council because a Chinese Nationalist delegate is there.

Senor Max Urena, of the Dominican Republic, took the Chair this afternoon and gave the floor to the Philippine delegate, Dr. Jose Ingles, to explain his vote.

The Belgian delegate, M. Pierre Ryckmans, interrupted on a point of order to say that discussion on the resolution had been closed before lunch.

Senor Urena said that Dr. Ingles would probably come to the explanation of his vote at the end of his speech.

M. Ryckmans walked from the room, remarking that he would stay outside until the delegate to the Philippines reached the end of his speech.

A General Assembly resolution last November asked the Trusteeship Council to recommend to the administering authorities concerned that the flag of the United Nations be flown over all Trust territories side by side with the flag of the administering authority concerned and the territorial flag if there is one.

The Assembly's resolution was adopted by 48 votes, with five against and four abstentions.—Reuter.

VATICAN REPORT ON HK

Rome, March 30.

The Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith reported today from Hong Kong that Communist activity in the Colony is increasing.

"There is at least one agent in every firm and organisation of any importance in Hong Kong," it says, "while Communist propaganda is on sale in a great number of the many Chinese book-shops."

"On the other hand, there is much less sympathy with Communism than there was a year ago. Reports from China are sufficient to dispel illusions in any but the most ardent believers, so there is now not likely to be any popular support for the liberation movement here, should any such movement be attempted."

The report said that the Chinese Communists are facing mounting difficulties, and that the Nationalist underground movement seems to be making considerable progress, with open revolt in many places.

The report was issued through the Congregation's news service, Fides. It gave no further details on the reported revolt in China, and did not specify where the Nationalist underground movements are active.—United Press.

Man admits setting fire to asylum

Philadelphia, March 30.

The State Police said that a convicted arsonist today confessed that he started the fire which killed nine persons in the Bella Vista private sanatorium.

An investigator said that Nicholas Verna, aged 28, admitted starting the fire.

Nine men mental patients tugging in terror at the chains which bound them to concrete slabs, died in the fire.

The dense smoke which killed them, came pouring into their barred cells from a fire in the basement. Two patients, who were overcome by the smoke when it billowed into the hospital ward, are in a critical condition at the Montgomery Hospital in North Pennsylvania.

A male nurse, George Lewis, aged 32, saved the lives of four other inmates of the violent section, when he groped through the smoke and unlocked the leather-bound chains which shackled them either by wrist or ankle to an iron ring in their concrete "beds."

When five of the dead were laid out on the rug-covered floor of the administration building, butts and brushes on their bodies told the story how they struggled futilely to break the shackles that held them. About 30 other persons, including firemen and attendants, were overcome or sickened by the dense smoke from the rubbish fire.

Amid the confusion of the smoke, the rescuing of 75 terror-stricken inmates, and the firemen battering at cell doors, there was heroism. Mrs. Theresa Shaw, 38-year-old nurse from New York, crawled on her stomach through the smoke to lead firemen to the locked doors of the bed-ridden patients. Heroic firemen carried other patients, naked or clad in night clothes or underwear, to safety down ladders in the chilly early morning hours.

The fire alarm was sounded by a nurse who telephoned the desk sergeant at Springfield township police headquarters. "The whole basement is on fire!" she exclaimed. Then she hung up.

The first firemen on the scene had to cut their way through wire mesh barriers to get through the windows to help the attendants with the patients.—United Press.

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Government defeated in the Lords

London, March 30.

Mr. Clement Attlee's three-week-old Labour Government suffered its second defeat in 24 hours in Parliament today—this time in the House of Lords.

This second defeat had no significance as the House of Lords, which has a majority of Conservative members, has no power to throw out the Government.

The division figures were 39 votes to 14 on an amendment to a bill relating to midwives.

This was the Government's first defeat of the new Parliament in the Lords. It was defeated many times in the old Parliament.

The amendment, moved by a Conservative Peer, wanted to ensure that midwives should have the exclusive right to wear a national uniform when in the employ of a local authority.—Reuter.

UNDERGROUND FOR LISBON

Lisbon, March 30.

The first underground railway in Portugal will begin to operate in Lisbon in 1953.

Soundings have already been made and excavations begun.—Associated Press.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S APPROACH TO GERMANY

Strasbourg, March 30.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe today decided to invite Western Germany and the Saar to become associate members of the Council of Europe.

Associate members are represented in the Consultative Assembly but not on the Committee of Foreign Ministers.

There are no conditions attached to the invitations except acceptance of the Statute of the Council, and willingness to accept and abide by its provisions.

The conditions are being drafted tonight and will be sent tomorrow to Germany through the three High Commissioners and to the Saar through the French Government.

M. Foreign Robert Schuman, the French Minister stated at the conclusion of today's session: "There are no conditions attached to the invitations other than acceptance of the Statute of the Council and willingness to abide by its provisions."

M. Schuman said that he wished unofficially to correct the impression that Dr. Konrad Adenauer had laid down conditions for West Germany's membership in his recent letter to the three High Commissioners.

His three points were not conditions, but questions to which answers had not been given. It was now up to Western Germany to decide whether the Council of Europe's invitation was acceptable.

Proposals studied

The Committee of Ministers also considered today its relationship to the Consultative Assembly. It agreed, M. Schuman stated, that there was a lack of contact and liaison between the two bodies and that this situation needed improvement.

The Ministers studied the various proposals that have been submitted by the Assembly's Committees and the Secretariat of the Council to this end, and decided to name some of its members to maintain permanent

contact with the Consultative Assembly.

Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain) arrived here by road at midday after an overnight stop at Verdun. He was reported to be in fair health and to have made an uneventful journey from Calais.

Tonight the visiting Ministers will be the guests of the French Foreign Minister at an informal dinner at the Strasbourg Prefecture.

A Council spokesman said today that yesterday's meeting of advisers was concerned with procedural questions and did not attempt to discuss the admission of new members.—Reuter.

UK SCIENTISTS ON H-BOMB

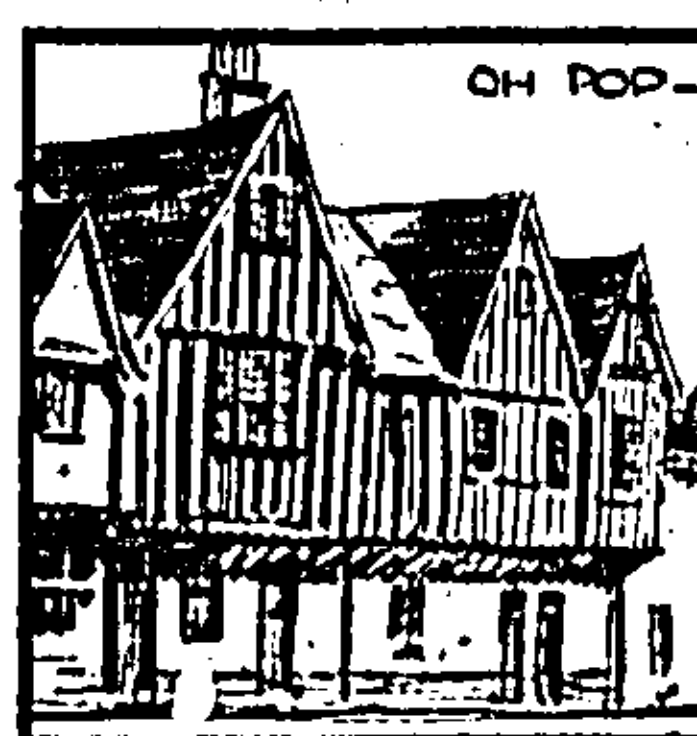
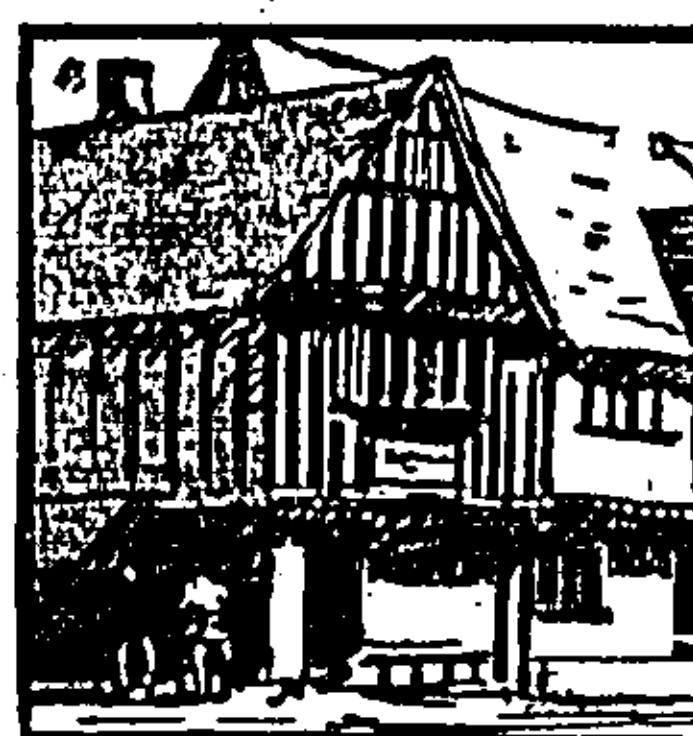
London, March 30.

The Cambridge Scientists' Anti-war Group asked the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today to condemn the U. S. decision to manufacture hydrogen bombs.

The group said its petition was signed by 100 Cambridge scientists.

"The very existence of these bombs would constitute a grave threat to the life and security of millions of people," said the petition, which also asked Mr. Attlee to try also for international control of atomic energy.—Associated Press.

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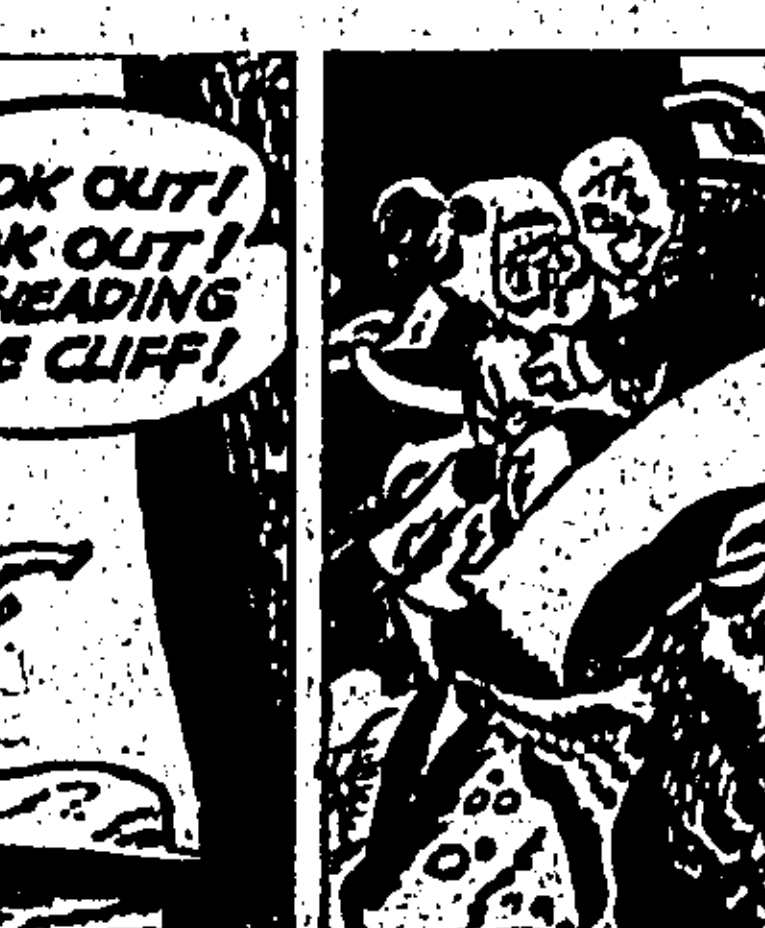
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"CHANGSHA"	Japan	4th Apr.
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Promotion for PAA man

News reaching here recently said that Mr. Dhan Mukerji, a well known figure around Kai Tak and formerly Assistant Traffic Manager for the Pacific-Alaska Division, Pan American World Airways, has recently been appointed sales manager for the division company's Atlantic Division, effective from April 1.

Mr. Mukerji who was at one time acting as PAA's Hong Kong manager when Mr. Jerry O'Donnell was recalled to the States, joined PAA in New York sales office in 1941 after graduating from Swarthmore College the year before.

In 1943 he was transferred to Belém, Brazil, which was a jumping off point for the aircraft operation to the North African front.

Later in the same year, he returned to the United States in take charge of the district sales office in Seattle.

Rapid promotions followed and he was appointed sales supervisor for the entire Alaska region operations. In 1940, Mr. Mukerji was named assistant to the Vice-President of Pacific-Alaska Division at San Francisco.

In September 1947, he was appointed assistant to the division traffic manager, and as such he played an energetic role in PAA's post-war development in the Pacific.

He was active in introducing the double-decked Boeing Stratocruisers on Pacific routes. As an assistant traffic manager for Pacific-Alaska Division, he visited line stations from Sydney (Shanghai, Hong Kong and Bangkok).

During his one and a half month's stay in the Colony Mr. Mukerji succeeded in making himself popular among the local civil aviation circles in Kai Tak. Accompanying Mr. Mukerji to his new post in New York will be his wife and their two children.

RADIO

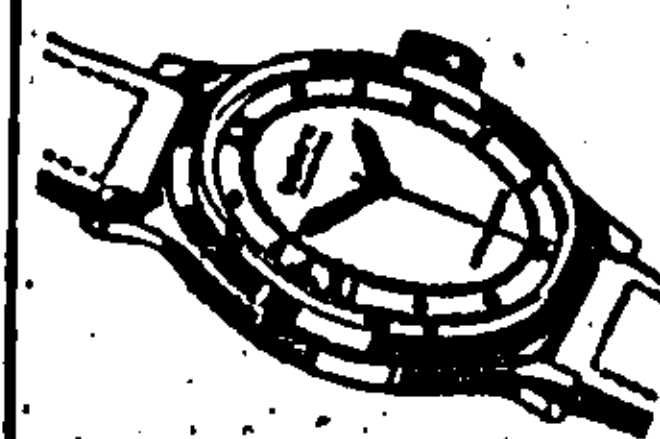
The Hong Kong broadcast on a frequency of 815 kilocycles per second and on 0.55 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15-Morning Prayers (Studio)	12.30-"Hong Kong Calling"-Programme Summary	12.32-Light Variety with Paula Hadd (Voice) and Her Orchestra	12.35-The Terry Ludo Quartet (Studio)	1.15-News, Weather Report and Announcements	1.25-Interlude	1.30-"Nothing But Music"-The Queen's Hall Light Orchestra, Conducted by Sidney Torch (ORBS)	2.00-Forces Choice - Presented by Peter Fielding (Studio)	2.30-"American Patrol"-A Programme of Record Changes - Introduced by Lionel Box (Studio)	3.00-World News (London Relay)	3.10-Hospital Recalls - Presented by "Ambler" (Studio)	4.10-"A La Carte"-A Variety Programme (Studio)	4.30-"Have a Go"-A Quiz Programme introduced by Wilfred Pickles (HUTS)	5.00-"The Adventures of Richard Hannay"-by John Buchan. Adapted for Broadcasting by Winifred Carey, No. 1, "The Man Who Died" (London Relay)	5.30-"Much Binding in the Marsh"-With Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BBC)	6.00-"Hong Kong Calling"-Programme Summary	6.02-"Unit Requests"-Linda Carter Calling-54 Battery, 15 Field Regiment, R. A. (Studio)	7.00-World News and News Analysis (London Relay)	7.15-"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio)	7.30-Variety Bandbox-From the Camberwell Palace, London (BBC)	8.00-The Editorials (London Relay)	8.10-Sports Results (Studio)	8.15-Italy of the Cambridge and Oxford Boat Race - Commentator: John Seargeant (From London)	9.00-"Osterbury Tale"-A Claviers' Poem Adapted for Broadcasting by Nevill Coghill (BBC)	9.31-Light Orchestra (Studio)	10.00-Band News Reel (London Relay)	10.15-Weather Report	10.16-"Cabaret" and Dance Music	11.15-Weather Report, World News and Home News, from Britain (London Relay Recorded)	11.45-The King	11.50-Close Down
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Time has come for HKFA to train players to meet Swedes

(By "ROVER")

Stage all set for Hockey Interport

(By KIMBERLEY)

Preparations have now been completed for the Interport Hockey meeting with Macao on Sunday.

Hong Kong Hockey Association officials are to be congratulated, not only for the many hours spent and much work put to the organization of the Interport, but also for their untiring efforts towards the revival of hockey in the Colony as a major sport.

In this they have succeeded and hockey enthusiasts owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

The Colony will depend much on the stick talent of the Army quartette, who have all the merits to justify their being selected.

Attacking power

Some critics are of the opinion that Gardner and Daniels should be split up to give added strength to the Colony's attacking power.

These critics contend that the two play too close a game and fear that there will be insufficient swing of the ball to open up opportunities for scoring.

Gardner and Daniels must be left to play the way best suited to their respective selves.

It has been proven time and again that the close co-ordination between the two is not only necessary, but that it is also profitable.

It will be Macao's attempt, as was the case in the recent Macao-Army game, to split up the two. So if we suggest doing that, it will be playing into the hands of the opposition.

Red letter day

It will be a red letter day in the history of local hockey tomorrow.

At 11 a.m. the Macao "B" team will meet a strong selection drawn from the Commandos-Royal Marines.

The Interport game will begin at 4 p.m. sharp on the Royal Navy Recreation Club ground at King's Park.

Price of admission: \$2.40. Servicemen \$1.20.

Mr. Atkins said that 1949 had been a very successful year for the Club and marked the completion of the reconstruction period—the club house had been renovated, the bar enlarged, new lighting installed and provision had been made for the replacement of the Club record books.

The membership had been increased by 45, making a total of more than 200 members.

The Club's financial position was in a very healthy state. The bank overdraft had been substantially reduced and the bulk of the pre-war debts paid off.

Mr. Atkins congratulated A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and J. McKelvie in winning the Colony Open Triples Lawn Bowls championship and the four members of the Club who were runners-up in the Colony Open Rink.

On the social side, the Club had several successful functions, the highlight was most probably when they entertained the men from the Amethyst.

Golden Jubilee

Mr. Atkins then made reference to the 50th anniversary of the Club. He said that the Club was first founded on August 4, 1900 and it was the Club that first introduced the game of lawn bowls in the Colony.

The celebration had been tentatively fixed for August 6. Before the election of officers, Mr. Atkins said that it was the usual custom of the Club for the Vice-President to assume the Chairmanship, but unfortunately Charles Terry would be absent from the Colony on leave during the greater part of the year and he had decided that it was only right for him to stand down.

It was extremely fortunate that Mr. Freddie Cremo had indicated his willingness to step into the breach.

It is now an established fact that a Swedish football team will visit Hong Kong during the early part of December next.

It is also a fact that the Halsinborg Swedish XI which came here last year gave the cream of local soccer talent a very sound thrashing.

In spite of the humiliating defeat suffered at the hands of the Swedes by local teams, the Hong Kong Football Association, as the body governing amateur soccer in this Colony, has not taken any steps to improve the standard of the local game.

What does the HKFA propose to do in the matter of providing worthy opposition for the Swedish team which is due here in December next and which is reputed to be better than the Halsinborg team?

This is a question which many soccer enthusiasts are asking and it is the consensus of opinion that the HKFA is not so much concerned about providing stiff opposition as it is in making money out of the forthcoming visit.

The view is being freely expressed that the HKFA, from experience gained during the visit of the Halsinborg XI, realizes that a heavy trouncing of any local team will not stop the crowds from packing the grounds when the team which inflicts the trouncing can serve up such a delightfully refreshing performance as that served up by the Swedes.

The attitude of nonchalance adopted by the HKFA would seem to lend support to this view and also to the supposition that the Association will, when the time comes, fall back on the services of those who were so soundly thrashed by the Halsinborg XI.

It is highly desirable that the HKFA, in its desire to make more and more money, should not overlook the fact that the prestige of this Colony, insofar as soccer is concerned, will be at stake.

The failure of the HKFA to field a sufficiently strong team against the Swedes can have only one effect—a lowering of the high esteem in which the Colony's soccer prowess has been held in the past.

Mr. Atkins added that the Club could not have a better man for what will be a very onerous task in this Jubilee year.

Mr. Cremo was then elected President by the meeting.

Conceding to the election of the Vice-President, Mr. Atkins said that when Mr. Charles Terry decided to stand down for the Presidency, he agreed to stand for re-election as Vice-President.

Mr. Atkins proposed Mr. Terry for Vice-President.

Mr. J. G. Meyer was elected a life member.

Mr. Atkins said that Mr. Meyer had done very good work during his very long association with the Club.

Mr. Meyer was duly made a life member.

President: Mr. F. C. Cremo. Vice-President: Mr. C. E. Terry. Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. F. Simpson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. Skyes. Bowls Convenor: Mr. G. Norman.

Grounds: Mr. A. Bailey. Bar Convenor: Mr. A. J. Locke. Committee Members: R. Jones, A. L. G. Eastman, J. G. Meyer and G. E. F. Thompson.

Balotting Committee: J. C. Crighton, R. H. Browne, W. L. E. Miller, J. Fraser, N. P. Smith and J. P. Inglis.

Motion defeated
Immediately after the annual meeting an extraordinary general meeting was held with a motion to allow sons of members between the ages of 15 and 21 to be junior members of the Club and to pay a subscription of one dollar per month was brought up.

It was also proposed that the junior members be allowed to all playing facilities of the Club, including lawn bowls, but should have no say whatsoever in the running of the Club.

After a long discussion, in the course of which several members gave their views, the motion was put to the vote and defeated.

To ensure that the Colony's players will be able to give a good account of themselves and prove worthy opponents, it is believed that the HKFA should immediately set about the task of selecting a number of promising players to form the nucleus of a team to meet the Swedes in December and any other team which might visit these shores.

In this connection, the HKFA should prepare a well-planned programme and arrange for the selected players to undergo intensive training during the close season.

In addition to arranging for the selected players to practice regularly together, the HKFA should also arrange for a series of lectures.

Coaching films

To further benefit the selected players, as well as all other interested players, the HKFA should obtain from the Football Association of England, to which it claims affiliation, coaching films.

These coaching films should prove of incalculable value in educating players, who will be in a position to study the tactics and methods adopted by experts in passing, heading, intercepting, shooting, etc.

It may be suggested that it would be inadvisable to call upon players to undergo an intensive training programme during the close season.

In this connection, it might be pointed out that the majority of local players play all the year round, even when not selected to go on some tour.

There is not much time left for training of players to meet the Swedes and unless something is done immediately, the public may look forward to further humiliating defeats in December.

The Halsinborg XI were able to trounce the local players because they displayed more skill, speed, stamina and team-work.

No discrimination
These are factors which should be borne in mind in any selection of players for the purpose indicated.

If the HKFA is prepared to do its duty, it is imperative that there should be no discrimination in the choice of players for the proposed training course.

There is at the present moment a tendency on the part of certain interests to belittle the efforts of promising players simply because these players do not happen to be members of the favoured clubs.

In the interests of better soccer, this attitude must be eliminated entirely and the HKFA should take the lead in giving credit where credit is due.

KCC Tennis Handicaps

The undermentioned matches in the Kowloon Cricket Club Handicaps have been arranged and must be played off on dates and courts specified below.

Monday, April 3, at 8 p.m.
Court No. 1. D. A. Abbass vs. W. H. Pepperell.
Court No. 2. R. Lapalay vs. A. P. Weir.

Court No. 3. Mrs. G. Chaun and Mrs. E. Litton vs. Mrs. A. Bull and Mrs. A. Gensburger.
Court No. 4. A. V. White and K. M. Gutz vs. H. Riddale and F. Brockbank.

Court No. 5. Miss J. Watt and G. A. Phillips vs. Mr. and Mrs. F. Kwok.

Tuesday, April 4, at 8 p.m.
Court No. 1. D. MacGregor vs. C. R. Thompson.
Court No. 2. C. G. March vs. G. Sabatini.

Court No. 3. C. W. Tebbutt and Thompson vs. N. Hart-Baker and F. Gross.

Wednesday, April 5, at 8 p.m.
Court No. 1. Miss N. Lambert Baker and F. R. Kermant vs. Mrs. L. Benjamin and A. E. P. Guest.

Court No. 2. Miss M. Figueroa vs. Miss M. Fisher.
Court No. 3. Mrs. L. Butolf vs. Mrs. J. P. Inglis.

Court No. 4. E. K. and J. A. Abbass vs. L. C. Kotswall and J. C. Fenton.
Court No. 5. H. Pepperell and J. T. Lawes vs. C. G. March and D. Benjamin.

Thursday, April 6, at 8 p.m.
Court No. 1. Cent. E. H. Row and Mrs. A. E. Baker.
Court No. 2. L. F. Stokes vs. C. R. Thompson.

Court No. 3. V. Bellard vs. A. M. P. Guest.

Royal Navy XI



The Royal Navy XI which beat Army by three goals to two in the first game of the Inter-Services Soccer Competition for the "Coca-Cola" Shield at Causeway Bay yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

"Coca-Cola" Shield soccer:

Royal Navy triumph over Army 3-2

In a somewhat robust soccer game at Causeway Bay yesterday, Royal Navy beat Army by three goals to two in the first match in the Inter-Services Competition for the "Coca-Cola" Shield.

The Navy were just about value for their win, but it was a touch-and-go affair until the last minute—a brilliant header by Hurst giving them victory.

"HOLE-IN-ONE"

Yet another name has to be added to the "Hole-in-One" Decanter.

The distinction goes to Mr. H. M. Snow who did the 12th on the Old Course in one on Wednesday, March 29.

Starting Times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow:

Today—Old Course
2.45 M.F. de Pinna—A. de Pinna
3.00 Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Davidson
Tomorrow—Old Course
9.15 M.J. Whitham—W. H. Tattersall
9.30 H.C. Watson—J.M. Wilbur
9.45 W. Stoker—R.R. Collins
10.00 S.S. Gordon—K.S. Robertson
10.15 H.H. Mundy—W.O. Davies
10.30 J. Linaker—W.N.A. Smalley
10.45 L.C. Bartle—E.G. Brown
11.00 W.E. Grieve—J. Pote-Hunt
11.15 R.K.M. Simpson—K.S. Robertson
11.30 E.T. McMullen—H.R. Cleland
11.45 J. McKinnon—C. Ewart
12.00 L.L. Shaw—C.E. Hayes
12.15 F. Redmond—A.D. Humphreys
12.30 C.J. Kotewicz—K.M. Almo
12.45 J.D. Calvert—R.E. Rodger
1.00 M.J. Whitham—W. H. Tattersall
1.15 R.E. Lee—W.G. Hunt
1.30 D. Huns—G.H.T. Sun
1.45 M.F. de Pinna—B.T. Chau
1.55 A.R. de Pinna—H. Schwedde
2.10 P.M. Cotton—F.K. Wallace
2.25 D.R. Robb—T.A. Crawford
2.40 W.A. Nicholas—J.L. McIntyre
2.55 K.T. Walden—A.D. Coleman
3.10 J. Rondon—P. de Jong

Tomorrow—New Course
9.30 Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Davidson
9.45 Mrs. S. Rudrol—Miss F.H. Ross
10.00 Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Birwhistle
10.15 Mrs. K.M. Almo—Mrs. C.J. Kotewicz
10.30 J. Rondon—P. de Jong

CHINESE XI FOR MEMORIAL CUP SOCCER GAME

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Chinese in the final of the Memorial Cup soccer match to be played at Boundary Street tomorrow, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Yu Yiu-tung (Captain), **Ng Yiu-tung** (Goalkeeper), **Ng Yiu-tung** (Goalkeeper), **Ng Yiu-tung** (Goalkeeper), **Ng Yiu-tung** (Goalkeeper).

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Handicaps for Easter Race Meeting

The following are the Handicaps for the Easter Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held on Saturday, April 8, and Monday, April 10:

FIRST DAY
1.—Shamshupo Handicap, Class 9. One Mile—Ama, Clippies 104, Amsterdam 146, Arax 148, Condor 154, Diamondfield 154, Empress 154, Flying Dragon 154, Kollinsky 146, Racing Queen 157, Radar 157, Trial Trip 140.

2.—Porkham Handicap (1st Section), Class 8. From 1 1/4 MP—Daren 159, Good 145, Sea Wind 145, Spirit Knight 159, Good News 152, Happy Boy 145, Liberty Diamond 145, National Glory 140, Shahn 150, Silver 141, Top-sail 142.

3.—Mongkok Handicap, 1950 Ponies, Class 6. From 2 MP—Dallshio 145, Bonnie Eyes 145, Fair Denise 145, Flag Day 145, Gilt Edes 145, Goldfield 145, Gold Leaf 145, Honoria 145, Hot Wom 145, Killy 145, Lowland 145, National Income 145, Nurse Lady 145, Strawberry Glory 145, Bungle 145, Byscane 145, Tarsan 145, Uncle Eric 150, Wonderful Mare 145.

4.—Hong Handicap (1st Section), Class 5. Six Furlongs—Anway 147, Crown Witness 142, Easygoing 145, Happy Valley 151, Liberty Ship 145, Oakland Bridge 152, Possibility 140, Rhus Fung 152, Sorcerer 151, Spouting Eye 152, Thunder Bay 151, Tipoli 151.

5.—Matauk Handicap (1st Section), Class 6. From 1 1/4 MP—A Grand Time 154, Amazing 159, Amico 140, Arxus 145, Chief Witness 140, Epsom 145, Wilbur 145, Oldhouse 141, Pearl Bridge 150, Renter 155, Royley 145, Sapientia 145, Silver Marshall 144.

6.—Easter Handicap, Class 1A. Six Furlongs—Amico 140, Anway 147, Arablan-Danger 152, Arxus 145, Den Wylis 155, Egyptian Field 144, Fort Knox 152, Golden Dahlia 157, Highlight 152, High Speed 144, Jeep Lee 145, Nurse Queen 152, Penfold 140, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

7.—Matauk Handicap (2nd Section), Class 5. One Mile—Ama 104, Amsterdam 146, Arax 148, Condor 154, Diamondfield 154, Empress 154, Flying Dragon 154, Kollinsky 146, Racing Queen 157, Radar 157, Trial Trip 140.

8.—Matauk Handicap (3rd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

9.—Matauk Handicap, Class 1D. One Mile—Barbarian 152, Big Shot 149, Blue Sky 149, Boodle 145, Chesterfield 154, Corpe 155, Daisy Bell 151, Empress Delight 152, Golden Dragon 145, Jeep Lee 145, Lily 145, Pearl Bridge 150, Renter 155, Royley 145, Sapientia 145, Silver Marshall 144.

10.—Matauk Handicap (2nd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

11.—Matauk Handicap (3rd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

12.—Matauk Handicap, Class 1D. One Mile—Barbarian 152, Big Shot 149, Blue Sky 149, Boodle 145, Chesterfield 154, Corpe 155, Daisy Bell 151, Empress Delight 152, Golden Dragon 145, Jeep Lee 145, Lily 145, Pearl Bridge 150, Renter 155, Royley 145, Sapientia 145, Silver Marshall 144.

13.—Matauk Handicap (2nd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

14.—Matauk Handicap (3rd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

15.—Matauk Handicap, Class 1D. One Mile—Barbarian 152, Big Shot 149, Blue Sky 149, Boodle 145, Chesterfield 154, Corpe 155, Daisy Bell 151, Empress Delight 152, Golden Dragon 145, Jeep Lee 145, Lily 145, Pearl Bridge 150, Renter 155, Royley 145, Sapientia 145, Silver Marshall 144.

16.—Matauk Handicap (2nd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

17.—Matauk Handicap (3rd Section), Class 5. From 1 1/4 MP—Al Franco 159, Busted Straight 147, Buzzy Farmers 150, Harvard 145, Killy 145, Kollinsky 146, Popularity 150, Prince Delight 145, Priority 145, South East 145, Trade Wind 145, Treasurer 150, Windermere 152.

18.—Matauk Handicap, Class 1D. One Mile—Barbarian 152, Big Shot 149, Blue Sky 149, Boodle 145, Chesterfield 154, Corpe 155, Daisy Bell 151, Empress Delight 152, Golden Dragon 145, Jeep Lee 145, Lily 145, Pearl Bridge 150, Renter 155, Royley 145, Sapientia 145, Silver Marshall 144.

Softball:

Skidding Saints clash with Jaguars

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Braves and Americans take the spotlight in this week's full programme, as those two pennant contenders battle at the CBA Ground at 1.00 p.m. tomorrow.

The other Senior League play-off game which should provide interest will be the St. Joseph's clash against the Jaguars, at 2.30 p.m. when these teams will go all out to stave off complete elimination from the series.

Never before in the annals of local Softball has a competition been so keen and closely fought as the first round.

At the end of the first round, four teams were tied for second place, which necessitated a further series to eliminate one team, and the current series, after seeding out the four best outfits, is still open in its fourth week of play.

Frank Cleary's Americans certainly mean business this season by turning out full strength at every game irrespective of other commitments.

When their star hurler, Fred Heckman left the Colony it was a big blow to the American flag hopes, but Schulte has been holding the fort with reasonable success.

With the return of Norman Schwartz during the week, Schulte will be side-lined in favour of the fire-ball hurler.

American fans will be in full force tomorrow to root for their first pennant bid.

Thrilling game
Charlie Figueroa's Braves who needed the Saints last week in a thrilling game should start out brimming with confidence.

This game which was originally arranged for 11.30 a.m. has been moved back to the afternoon in order to allow the Braves to give their strongest nine, and to give fans their money's worth.

In view of the impressive batting might of the Americans, it is doubtful whether Figueroa will start Chappy Remedios on the mound.

Almeida once, and the only other likely pitcher will be Gerry Gosano, who managed to put out the fire for the Braves when they first met the Americans.

The return of Gusio Pereira who, together with Spiky Gutierrez, will hold the left and centre field positions, should strengthen defence, but the right pasture will still be a weak spot, particularly with the closeness of the fence.

The infielders play well as a team, and as the Americans are not likely to steal many bases, they can concentrate on positioning for the hard smashes.

This game should be another fielding versus batting clash.

Skidding Saints
The skidding Saints seem to be unable to field their strongest nine these days.

Last Sunday when George Souza made a return to the diamond, Dave Leonard was away at a football interport.

What this week, it is not yet certain whether George Souza will be able to make it or not. Souza is battling well over average, and his contribution of a hit now and again, will help the Saints a great deal.

The Jaguars who had high hopes of annexing the Molten Shield early in the series, suffered two successive shocks.

First, they bowed to the Braves in a game in which all the runs for both sides were scored in the first innings of play, and again when the Americans rudely rattled them last week.

Can still make it
If the Vasmen could only stow away their temperament with